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To: Jac Wasserman, Field Director, National Sharecroppers Fund

From: Eugene W. Hagans, Field Representative, National Sharecroppers Fun

Subject: Weekly Report of April 4,1966 - April 8, 1966

Monday, April 4, 1966 - I went to Elloree, South Carolina and held an interview with Mr. L. A. Blackmon and three of the low-income families who are desirous of purchasing a home through section 502 of the Rural Housing Bill. A date was set to try to help all the interested persons to fully understand the program.

Tuesday, April 5, 1966 - It was decided that a visit to each of the participants in the housing program would be of great value. There were one or two who wanted to know if the loan could be made with some other person having the deed to the property. Others wanted to know if a widow could make a loan. Then there was a young lady who wanted to pay the loan but the deed was in her father's name. I hope they all will soon find the proper amount of land and have the homes finished,

Wednesday, April 6, 1966 - I went to Chester, South Carolina and held the regular monthly meeting. This is an area in which we have not held any meetings. The value of credit Unions to low-income and rural families was discussed along with opportunity Loans to farm and rural low-income families.

Thursday, April 7, 1966 - I held an interview with a widow, 65 years old. Her nephew had purchased an automobile on which her deed on her home is being held for $1400. The car has been repossessed and also sold again without a release being signed. The loan company is threatening foreclosure. I talked with Attorney Matthew Perry about the case. He has taken the case for her.

Friday, April 8, 1966 - I attended the regular monthly meeting of Group III in Bennettsville, South Carolina. The Housing Program highlighted the meeting. Also discussed were Credit Unions and Medicare. At the request of Mr. Al Ulmer, Southern Regional Council, I have scheduled a meeting on cooperatives in Walterboro, South Carolina on Monday, May 2, 1966 at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hopewell Presbyterian Chruch. Three representatives from the Cooperative League USA and a limited number of representatives from South Carolina along with 4 or 5 other persons interested in cooperatives will be in attendance.

To: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director, National Shrecroppers Fund

From: Eugene W. Hagans, Field Representative, National Sharecroppers Fund, 1330 Laurel Street, Columbia, South Carolina

Subject: Weekly Report of April 11, 1966 - April 15, 1966

Monday, April 11, 1966 - I attended a meeting in Charleston, South Carolina sponsored by the South Carolina Committee on Migrant Farm Labor and the Catholic Sisters of Charities. This meeting centered activities on a proposed for aid in Charleston and Sumter Counties. The Committee will hold regular meetings every second Thursday Evening at 3:00 p.m. in the Lecture Room at the Charleston County Public Library. ~~at 8:00 p.m.~~ I also spoke for the CORE Chapter meeting in St. George, South Carolina. The meeting had an attendance of 85 persons, half of which was young adults. This group asked for information on Housing and Loans.

Tuesday, April 12, 1966 - The case of Mr. MacBranch of Barnwell, South Carolina, a senior citizen who is 65 years old, and who has worked for a farmer in that county for 30 years without having any social security payments to his credit was referred to the Social SecurityDepartment. Mrs. Marilyn Truluch, Service Representative at the Columbia Branch gave the necessary information to get the case reported to his district office in Augusta, Georgia.

Wednesday, April 13, 1966 - I met with a group in the Oldfield Section of Lexington County and spoke on Housing and Loans. The meeting was well attended and the interest was very appreciative.

Thursday, April 14, 1966 - I attended the regular meeting of Group X in Dalzel, South Carolina at the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. The topics were, The Value of Credit Unions, The New Guidelines on School Integration and Opportunity Loans to Rural and Low-Income Families. The formation of a credit union will begin at the next regular meeting.

Friday, April 15, 1966 - The regular meeting of Group V was held in the auditorium at the Wesley Methodist Church in Lake City, South Carolina. A group of 173 attended the meeting. Housing for Senior Citizens; the importance of registration and voting; and the Need for Credit Unions were thoroughly discussed. The group asked for continued information on the setting up of a Credit Union.

On Sunday Evening, April 3, 1966, by special invitation I spoke on Housing for Rural and Low-income families and Senior Citizens at the Bethany Baptist Church in McCormick, South Carolina. There were 200 persons in attendance.

S.C. - R.A.P.

To: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director, National Sharecroppers Fund

From: Eugene W. Hagans, Field Representative, National Sharecroppers Fund, 1330 Laurel Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

Subject: Weekly Report, April 18, 1966 - April 22, 1966

Monday, April 18, 1966 - I held an interview with Attorney Matthew Perry in reference to the case of Mr. Charlie Rhett of Reevesville, South Carolina. Attorney Perry has knowledge of the case but several attorneys from other areas have gone to a certain point and then gotten off the case.

I wrote a letter to the Civil Liberties Union about the case and I was referred to Attorney Perry. Attorney Russel Brown in Charleston, South Carolina is representing Mr. Rhett now in the case. I sent Attorney Brown a letter on April 18, 1966 asking for the progress in the case. I am expecting an answer soon.

I also attended the regular monthly meeting of Group IX in Aiken, South Carolina. There were 65 persons in attendance. It was an integrated meeting with two members of the Aiken Council on Human Relations attending. This was the first meeting of Group IX. They promised a more integrated group at the next meeting. Credit Unions, FHA Housing for Rural and low-in come famillies, and opportunity loans to rural and low-income families were the topics for discussion.

Tuesday, April 19, 1966 - I held an interview with Mr. Alfonzy Davis, a farmer living on Route 2, Box 100, Gresham, South Carolina (Marion County). He owns 189 acres of land; 89 acres are cleared. He plants corn, tobacco, and cotton. He also raises hogs and cattle. Many whites are trying to get his farm and he needs some financial help because of poor crops last year. Dry weather caused the crop failure. I have sent his request for a loan into Mr. Edwin P. Rogers, the State Director. A fuller report will be sent after I hear from Mr. Rogers.

Group IV met in Marion, South Carolina, and there were 120 persons in attendance. The importance of registering and voting, Credit Unions, and helps available through the Extension Service were the topics discussed.

Wednesday, April 20, 1966 - I held the regular monthly meeting of Group VI in Cross, South Carolina. The New Guidelines on School Integration, Credit Unions, and FHA Housing for Rural and low-income families were discussed. There were 47 persons in attendance.

Thursday, April 21, 1966 - I attended the regular monthly meeting of Group VIII in Barnwell, South Carolina. School Integration, The Importance of Registering, and Voting, and Credit Unions were the topics for discussion. Twenty persons attended the meeting.

Friday, April 22, 1966 - The regular monthly meeting of Group VII was held in Early Branch, South Carolina. The topics discussed were the Value of Cooperatives, New Guidelines on School Integration, and FHA Housing for Rural and low-income families. Thirty-seven persons attended the meeting.

Recruiting is being done at each meeting to help secure 600 boys for the Job Corps. Also, announcement is being made of scholarships available through the Congress of Racial Equality.

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To: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director, National Sharecroppers Fund
From: Eugene W. Hagans, Field Representative, National Sharecroppers Fund, 1330 Laurel Street, Columbia, South Carolina.
Subject: Weekly Report, May 2, 1966thru May 6, 1966.

Monday, May 2, 1966- I attended a special meeting in Walterboro, South Carolina on Cooperatives. I arraigned this meeting for Al Ulmer and three representatives from the Cooperative League, USA. Others present at the meeting were, Mr. Chuck J. Denfilor, Cooperative League, Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Stanley Dreyer, Cooperative League, Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Calvin Kytle, Cooperative League, Washington, D. C., Mr. B. H. Washington, Fragmore, South Carolina, Mr. R. C. Conner, Walterboro, South Carolina, Mr. Samuel Jenkins, President of the newly organized marketing cooperative in Beaufort, South Carolina, Mr. E. L. Shuler, Assistant County Supervisor FHA, Orangeburg, South Carolina, Mr. Samuel Miller, Fragmore, South Carolina Mr. Everett Gill, Penn Community Services, Fragmore, South Carolina, Attorney J. H. Written, Charleston, South Carolina, and Mr. William Hamilton, President of the Progressive Garment Company, Inc., Walterboro, South Carolina.
The meeting was very interesting and highly beneficial. Organizational structure; the reason some cooperatives fail; and the types mostlikely to succeed were the main topics for discussion.

Tuesday, May 3, 1966- I went to Blythewood, South Carolina and addressed a group on the registration and voting, the value of farm cooperatives and the need for rural credit unions.

Wednesday, May 4, 1966- The regular monthly meeting was held in Leeds, South Carolina for Group I. the topics discussed were Opportunity Loans to Rural and Low-income Families, Helps Availabe Through The Extension Service and the need for rural Credit Unions. There were 33 persons attending the meeting.

Thursday, May 5, 1966- I went to Elloree, South Carolina and counselled with low-income families in the interest of the Adult Basic Education Program. Several persons gave assurance that they would attend the classes. Also, I checked on the progress of the Housing Program. Six families have purchased lots. Two of these have secured blue prints and are waiting for further instructions.

Friday, May 6, 1966- I held the regular monthly meeting of Group II in Pageland, South Carolina. The New Guidelines For school intergration, Credit Unions in rural areas and Opportunity Loans To Rural Low-income Families were the topics discussed.

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To: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director , National Sharecroppers Fuhd

From: Eugene W. Hagahs, Field Representative, National Share-Fund, 1330 Laurel Street, Columbia, South Carolina

Subject: Weekly Report of May 9, 1966 - May 13, 1966

Monday, Tuesday, May 9-10, 1966 - I made preparations for filing. Set up, and used remaining time on research materials.

Wednesday, May 11, 1966 - I went to Darlington, South Carolina and held a meeting for Group III Counties. This was the first meeting in this area. I also stopped to the Spaulding High School in Lamar, South Carolina. Mr. Elijah W. Davis, ~~who~~ is the principal. He attended many of the meetings in Marlboro County. There are 511 pupils in the High School and 498 in the elementary school. The lunch program provides free lunch for 1056 of these pupils. One startling observation is that many of these pupils leave home 6:30 a.m. by bus in order to get to class by 8:30 a.m. These same pupils do not get back home until 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 12, 1966 - I attended the regular monthly meeting for Group IV in Marion, South Carolina. Rural Credit Unions, Federal Housing for rural low-income families, and the value of farm cooperatives were discussed.

Friday, May 13, 1966 - I went to Lee County with Al Ulmer from SRC and interviewed rural low-income families. Our emphasis was on housing for the low-income families. A meeting on Self-Help Housing will be set up soon.

To: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director, National Sharecroppers Fund

From: Eugene W. Hagans, Field Representative, National Sharecroppers Fund

Subject: Weekly Report of May 16, 1966 - May 19, 1966

Monday, May 16, 1966 - I held a meeting with Rev. McKay Miller of Sumter, South Carolina to further develop plans for ~~the~~ continuing the organizing of a credit union in that area.

I attended the regular meeting of the Bamberg County Improvement Association in Bamberg, South Carolina. I secured the charter for this group last month. They have appointed a Voters Education Committee and anpoverty program committee.

Tuesday, May 17, 1966 - The regular monthly meeting of Group VI was held in Cross, South Carolina in Berkeley County. School integration, housing for rural low-income families and the value of rural credit unions were discussed.

Wednesday, May 18, 1966 - I went to Pineweed, South Carolina and checked on the condition of Mr. Willie Canty at the request of Miss Bennett. He was upset because the FHA Supervisor told him that there were no more funds available for operating loans. He was given assurance that all the bills he made for farm operations would be paid as soon as the money was made available by the government. He has planted cotton, soy beans, and tobacco. Each crop is growing nicely.

Thursday, May 19, 1966 - Group IX held its regular monthly meeting in Edgefield, South Carolina. This was the first meeting of this type to be held in the county. This is one of the most needed areas in the state.

The importance of registration and voting, helps avialable to rural low-income families through the extension service and the need for rural credit unions were the topics for discussion.

S.C. - RAP

To: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director, National Sharecroppers Fund

From: Eugene W. Hagans, Field Representative, National Sharecroppers Fund, 1330 Laurel St., Columbia, South Carolina.

Subject - Weekly Report May 23, 1966 thru May 27, 1966

May 24 - 27 - I attended a conference on self-Help Housing in Lake Worth, Florida. This was a very timely and interesting meeting. The main feature of the meeting was the instructions in organizing a cooperative or non profit organization for the express purpose of sponsoring the Self-Help Housing Program. Properly organized it would involve members from the power structure in a county or state, such as, lawyers, doctors, contractors, teachers, ministers, senators, representatives and public officials.

The conference was sponsored by the International Self-Help Housing Associates, Southern Regional Council, Florida Christian Migrant Ministry and the American Friends Service Committee.

Mr. Bill Channel of the American Friends Service Center, Lake Worth, Florida, presided. Mr. Howard Washburn, Executive Director of Self-Help Enterprises, Inc., 716 West Main Street, Visalia, California was the consultant.

I will send a complete list of persons attending the conference later.

A copy of the program is inclosed.

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

NATIONAL SHARECROPPERS FUND

March, April and May 1966

The activities of the acting field representative during this period have included the following projects:

I. Reorganization of county groups.

II. Informational and referral service.

1. Job Corps
2. Opportunity Loans
3. Self Help Housing

III. Promotion of Credit Unions and Cooperatives.

I. Reorganization of County Groups

The reorganization was done in order to get maximum attendance and participation in the Rural Advancement Program. Participation was limited because of the distance to travel to and from meetings.

When the work was assigned to the acting field representative there were four groups of six counties each. Group A Chester, Chesterfield, Lancaster, Kershaw, Marlboro, and Darlington counties; Group B, Berkley, Beaufort, Colleton, Dorchester, Jasper and Orangeburg counties; Group C, Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Hampton and McCormick counties; Group D, Calhoun, Clarendon, Horry, Lee, Sumter and Williamsburg counties.

During the first of the year Dillon, Edgefield, Fairfield and Marion counties were added to the E D A list by the federal government. I wanted more participation from the rural and low-income families, therefore a long range program was setup to organize rural advancement clubs. The counties were regrouped to obtain a central meeting place and shorten the travel distance. Ten groups were set up: Group I, Chester and Fairfield counties; Group II, Chesterfield, Kershaw, and Lancaster counties; Group III, Darlington, Lee and Marlboro counties; Group IV, Dillon, Horry, and Marion counties; Group V, *Lower Florence and williamsburg counties; Group VI, Berkeley, Clarendon and Dorchester counties; Group VII, Allendale Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper counties; Group VIII, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun and Orangeburg counties; Group IX, Aiken, Edgefield and McCormick counties, Group X, *Lower Richland and Sumter counties. (*These were added because of known farming conditions, not EDA counties.)

The attendance at the meetings thus far has been very encouraging. There were 320 persons present at a meeting in Lake City, Florence county, S. C.; in Cross, Berkeley county, S. C. 261 persons and several other meetings with 100 to 170 persons in attendance. Only two groups were slow in attendance, Group I and Group III. Groups I at last meeting had 61 persons present and Group III had 37 persons.

These meetings are being held in counties where there had been no general meetings of any kind. Group IX, Aiken, Edgefield and McCormick counties held the first integrated rural advancement meeting.

From these multiple county groups, each county will organize a rural advancement club and within the counties each city and town will organize clubs also. This will lead to the organization of a state rural advancement association.

This new program has demanded much time for planning meeting places and dates. The dates for the meetings have been scheduled for one year.

Mailing lists have been compiled and 200 or more announcements are mailed for each group meeting. My plans are to obtain a mailing list of 200 for each county. These lists are being compiled of the growing number of persons attending the newly organized Rural Advancement Club meetings.

These lists are also being set up in alphabetical order, and put in a loose leaf folder to check attendance for future reference on individual participation.

Pannel discussions are a part of the program for each group.

II. Informational and Referral Service

After reorganizing the groups, the next step was to inform them about programs available to them through the federal, state, county and municipal governments. The information was given by distribution of leaflets, folders, mimeographed material and by speakers. Not only have I addressed the groups, but I have engaged other persons such as Mr. J. A. Sprull, Agricultural Agent, Hampton county; Mr. Ernest L. Shuler, Assistant Supervisor, FHA, Orangeburg county, S. C.; Mr. William Cawinitti, Organizational Specialist, S. C. Credit Union League, Columbia, S. C. This information is not only given at the regular meetings, but also at mass meetings set up by persons in attendance at the regular meetings and at civic meetings throughout the state where people are priviledged to call on me because of my contacts with other organizations in the state.

I have in my file folder five cases of persons who have been refused loans by county supervisors which have been brought to the representatives' attention.

A widow in Sumter county desirous of purchasing an acre of land and building a snack bar and grocery store to increase her income was refused a loan by the county supervisor.

Three farmers in Berkeley county made applications for loans to operate their farms better and were refused.

*A few copies of mimeographed work is enclosed.

One case of special note in Marion county is the case of Mr. Alfonsy Davis living on Route 2, Box 100, Gresham, S. C. He has a 189 acre farm. He is 54 years old. He has farmed this land for 19 years. He

has a cotton allotment of 11,4 acres; a tobacco allotment of 3.09 acres. He has 50 head of cattle and 35 head of hogs. He also plants corn. He operates a small store. He has refused to sell his farm. Acts of intimidation have been made to force a sale but he did not sell. One night in November of 1965, someone place a jar of poison in the cow pasture and 16 head of cattle died.

All of these cases have been referred to the state difector. I will keep up with the developments of these cases.

1. Jobs Corps

Special effprts were made to help recruit 600 applicants for the job corps. Sixty-five applications were given out by individual contacts and through meetings. Seven of these applicants were given personal assistance because of writing conditions.

2. Opportunity Loans

Many persons, through information given by our acting representative in meetings and personal contact have taken advantage of this program. Mr. Ernest G. Curry has a barber shop ih Irmo, S. C., Mrs. Jessie Brown has a dress shop in Killian, S. C., Mr. William Robinson has an auto body shop in Brunners, S. C. (Two auto repair shops opened in Estill, S. C. just recently.) I have been told of several pther loans being made to rural and low-income families.

3. Self-Help Housing.

The self help housing program is just beginning to take shape in our state. Several groups are now being organized for this program. Berkeley, Lee and Fairfield counties are setting up the appropriate organizations.

III. Promotion of Cooperatives and Credit Unions.

The acting representative was instrumental in helping to organize the Richland Community Center, Inc. Our acting representative assisted with the forming of the constitution and by-laws for the organization. This group is planning the purchase of a 30 acre tract of land for a recreational center. The land has been surveyed. The attorney for the center will make application for a $75,000 loan or more as soon as the outlay plans for the grounds have been completed.

The Bamberg County Improvement Association, Bamberg, S. C. was set up by the acting representative to help with and sponsor any of the

federal programs available through a non profit organization.

The Goodwill Credit Union, Mayesville, Sumter county, S. C. was set up by the acting representative. The group will apply for a federal credit union charter after the monthly meeting, June 22, 1966. The 200 persons required for membership have been secured. The twenty-five cents fees have also been paid.

Credit Unions are in the beginning stage in Lee, Fairfield, and Marion counties. Organizations will be set up in the July meetings.

To: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director, National Sharecroppers Fund

From: Eugene W. Hagans, Field Representative, National Sharecroppers Fund
1330 Laurel Street, Columbia, South Carolina

Subject: Weekly Report- May 30, 1966 thru June 3, 1966

Tuesday, May 31, 1966 - I held a special conference with Attorney Matthew Perry on the Rhett case in Reevesville, Dorchester County, South Carolina. I wrote a letter to the Civil Liberties Union and they referred me to Attorney Perry. I was advised that the only thing to do was to get Mr. Rhett to accept the compromise worked out with Mr. Hartzog three years ago. This compromise was rejected by Mr. Rhett. I will hold a group meeting in that area on June 14, 1966 at which time I will counsel with Mr. Rhett.

Wednesday, June 1, 1966 - I attended the regular monthly meeting of Group I counties and organized the rural advancement club. The following topics were discussed:

1. Financial aid for High School and College students.
2. The New 1965 School Integration Guidelines.
3. Federal Housing for rural low-income families.

Thursday, June 2, 1966 - I visited the local FHA office of Mr. Sam Bailey. I was informed that many of the low-income families are taking advantage of the opportunity loans for increasing the family income. I have referred many to him for help. Two cases of note - one rural auto body shop, and a rural beauty culture shop, both in the Eastover section of Richland county. Also, while visiting in Irmo, S. C. a farmer was told about the Opportunity Loans and has opened a barber shop.

There are others which I did not deal with directly.

Friday, June 3, 1966 - I attended the regular monthly meeting of Group II in Pageland, South Carolina. Topics for discussion were:

1. The value of rural credit unions.
2. The effect of integration on Southern economy.
3. The need of greater participation in adult basic education,

CONFERENCE ON SELF HELP HOUSING
Lake Worth, Florida
May 25 - 26, 1966

Sponsored by:
International Self-Help Housing Associates
Southern Regional Council
Florida Christian Migrant Ministry
American Friends Service Committee

Consultant:
Howard Washburn, Executive Dir.
Self-Help Enterprises, Inc.
716 West Main Street
Visalia, California 93277

Wednesday, May 25

1:30 p.m.	Introductions Statement of Purpose of Conference Summary on Self-Help Housing Film - Six Homes, Six Houses.	Bill Channel
2:15 p.m.	How do you organize self-help housing? 1. Farm worker groups. 2. Established community leaders. 3. State and/or national relationships	Ben Fraticelli.
3:15 p.m.	BREAK	
3:30 p.m.	How do you finance self-help housing staff. 1. Private agency or religious group sponsorship. a. Community Development Adviser. b. Construction Supervisor. 2. Office of Economic Opportunity.	 Bill C. Ben F.
4:30 p.m.	Need for inexpensive but adequate rental housing. a. Freedom from control by growers. b. Possibility of rent subsidy.	
5:00 p.m.	BREAK FOR DINNER AND MOTEL CHECK-IN. All conference attenders are invited to have dinner at the Channel residence, 121 Summa Street, West Palm Beach. Evening Session will be held there after dinner.	
7:30 p.m.	Problems to consider in self-help housing. 1. Organizational; local and state. 2. Financing of Homes and staff. 3. Staff Selection and Training.	Howard Washburn.

THURSDAY, MAY 26.

9 a.m. Suggestions for implementing self-help housing.
1. Project areas and participants.
2. Site selection, purchase and preparation.
   a. Difficulties in acquiring land.
      Suitable sites
      Opposition to sale for self-help project.
      Available utilities.
3. Selection of a suitable house plan.
   a. What can people afford.
   b. Suitable construction material for region.
   c. What materials can inexperienced people handle?

10:15 a.m. BREAK

10:30 a.m. Proposal Preparation
1. Budgets
2. Education and training
3. Subsidies for participants.
4. Administrative relationships.
5. Farmers Home Administration Relationships.

12:00 noon LUNCH BREAK

1:30 p.m. What can WE do in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi.

General discussion on practical considerations for local project throughout afternoon.

5:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT.

6:00 p.m. Dinner.

There will be an "after session" with Howard Washburn in the Channel home for those who are interested and free. All are welcome.

SC-RAP

June 17, 1966

Mr. Jac Wasserman
National Sharecroppers Fund
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Wasserman:

I have made a check of the projects on the list of federal assisted projects that you sent me.

Mr. Sam Bailey, FHA supervisor, for Lexington County, S. C. says that the fish pond and picnic ground supervised by Mr. James H. Davis is opened to the public. The appropriate sign is posted on the highway leading to the area. The address of this project is Route 1, Batesburg, S. C.

Mr. A. R. Crawford, program specialist (ACP) in the State Office for ASCS, said that the fish ponds, wild life areas, and duck ponds in Chesterfield county managed by Mr. James L. Sutton, Box 24, Pageland, S. C. and Mr. George W. Horton, Box 247, Hartsville, S. C. are checked twice a year by an ASCS representative. The check is to determine for public participation in the project. The last check was in April, 1966 and they were checked "O.K.". I have checked with citizens in Chesterfield County and have found this to be true.

I will make a citizens' check on the project in Lexington county on June 29, 1966. I will be in that area attending the regular monthly meeting of Group 9, Aiken, Edgefield and McCormick counties.

Sincerely,

Eugene W. Hagans

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Field Representative

S.C. - RAP

To: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director

From: L. S. James, Field Representative

Subject: Weekly Report for July 11 - 15, 1966

I Discrimination in Extention Service

II A S C S Elections

III New Opportunity for Vocational Training

Descrimination in Extention Service

Miss Janie Lancaster, Home Demonstration Agent for Georgtown County, who was previously responsible for serving Negro communities only, has written a full report on how the Extention Service in Georgetown County still tries to descriminate against her and the Negro people in that county.

She came in to talk with me about this situation about ten days ago. I asked her to put her complaints in writing for confidential use. This report from Miss Lancaster is attached for your attention. What would you advise Miss Lancaster to do? Please return this report of hers as soon as it has served its purpose.

A S C S Elections

I have spent this week in making contacts with officials of the A S C S State Office of South Carolina. I have been furnished with the following facts about the A S C S elections of 1965. The results are as follows:

No Negroes were elected to any county committees.

The number of Negroes elected as community committee-men and alternates are listed by counties.

County	Community Committee-men	Alternates
Beaufort	6	11
Berkley	1	3
Charleston	0	1
Clarendon	1	1
Greenville	0	2
Kershaw	0	3
Marlboro	0	1
Orangeburg	0	1
Richland	2	4
Sumter	1	8
Williamsburg	3	1
York	0	1
12 Counties Total	14	37

Even though this represents about 65% increase over the previous year we are going to do every thing possible to improve this record. Meetings are planned for groups of counties between now and August 12th. that will make it possible for us to contact all farmers who are interested in participating in these elections.

The South Carolina Election calendar for 1966 was secured from the State A S C S office. This calendar will be sent to specific leaders in all counties immediately. A copy of this calendar is attached to this

report.

New Opportunity for Vocational Training

At our meeting in Pageland Wednesday July 13th, we discovered a young lady who lives in the rural area near Cheraw, South Carolina who is a well trained seamstress. She gets lots of work to do, but her home is too small for the volume of work that shie is now receiving and her machines are in adequate. She needs a loan of about $830.49 to purchase the machines she needs and to pay the rent for a building which she plans to use.

Since she is planning to mover her business near the city limits of Cheraw, she cannot get a loan from F H A nor the Small Business Administration under Title IV of E O A.

We are going to have many more trained persons in rural areas, some who will remain on the farm, some who will move to town or cities. Young people like the lady mentioned above should be able to find small loans to start in business for themselves. Do you know of any source from which the person in question can get immediate assistance? The opportunities for training for rural people both seasonal farm workers and all other youths and adults will be available in the following programs.

1. Father Kaney's Training Program for migrants and seasonal workers has been funded.
2. Dorchester County Program for training seasonal farm workers has been funded.
3. Project T - Square which is a 2 year program of job training

and basic education for 22,500 poor residents of South Carolina has tentative approval for a total funding $19.4 millon. This is the first project of its kind in the nation.

I am a member of the non-profit organization which has been established to direct this program.

SOUTH CAROLINA

ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 1966

MAIL ELECTION

June 7	State Committee approval of any community boundry changes.
August 5	Public notice of designation and boundaries of communities.
August 5	Public notice of right to nominate by petition (including special notice to be mailed to each eligible voter of record.)
August 5	Notify community committee chairmen of responsibility and furnish regulations and instructions.
August 19	Final date for receiving nominating petitions.
August 26	Final date for completing slate of nominees.
August 26	Final date for receiving Forms ASCS-587.
September 2	Public notice of mail election.
September 2	Public notice of county convention.
September 2	Deadline for mailing ballots to farmers.
September 13	Final date by which ballot must be postmarked or returned in person.
September 19	Final date for tabulating ballots.
September 20-23	County convention (date to be set by county committee). This date should not be earlier than 3 days following the date on which ballots are tabulated.

SUMMARY

Contacts and Meetings during the week - July 11, to July 15, 1966

Monday July 11, 1966

Mr. M. M. Oswald, Chairman Orangeburg Area Committee for Economic Progress, Inc. 396 St Paul Street, N. E., Orangeburg, South Carolina

(Signed forms for training program for Seasonal Farm Workers of Calhoun & Orangeburg Counties.)

Mr. J. R. Bell, Chairman, Colleton - Dorchester Counties Development Corporation.

(Helping him to get the Training Program, under title III B (EOA) for Seasonal Farm Workers started - year round project to begin July 15, 1966.)

Mr. J. W. Robinson, Director Elect of Dorchester Co. Proposed Day Care Centers. St. George, South Carolina.

(Assisted Mr. Robinson in drafting a plan for his proposed program.)

Tuesday July 12, 1966

Mr. Lawton Byrd, Farmer - Hartsville, South Carolina

(Answered his request to help him save his Two-hundred Acre farm with a loan from FHA.)

Wednesday 13, 1966

Mr. C. E. Foy, Field Coordinator of A S C S - 901 Sumter Street, Columbia, South Carolina

(Conference for information and advice on preparation for A S C S Elections)

Meeting in Pageland, South Carolina with small group of farmers of Chesterfield County. Preparing for ASCS Elections. Another meeting is scheduled by their request for August 5, 1966.

Thursday July 14, 1966

Mr. William K. Marsh, Coordinator O. E. O. of South Carolina - 300 Gervais Street, Columbia South Carolina
(Conference with him about possibility of a proposal to provide trainees & trainers on an O J T basis for a real Grassroot Leadership Training program under supervision of R A P. Mrs. Spearman was with us too.

Friday July 15, 1966

In conference with Rev. Hagars who is still helping us outline a program to hold meetings for 34 counties in groups of threes between now an August 12, 1966, to emphasize & explain how to vote in the A S C S Elections.

Post Office Box 362
Georgetown, South Carolina 29440

June 27, 1966

Copy

Dear Sir:

I am submitting the following complaint from Georgetown County. The Home Agent is very antagonizing. I would like for Clemson and Georgetown County office to be investigated because Miss Jenkinson said Clemson told her to check on me and the specialists said she must check on my work.

I would like to know how she can hold two positions, such as the Home Agent and the Associate Agent, with only two years experience. I have eight years experience, I have a Master's Degree in Education, have done further studies, and I am still the Assistant Agent. My rating from Clemson is one. They explained in the letter the rating start from zero to four. Zero being the lowest and four is the highest.

I would appreciate your cooperation in helping with my problem.

Yours very truly,

Janie Lancaster

September 6, 1965

Staff Conference

Mr. H. Hardee - How do you feel with whom you work with, will go along with the Civil Right?

Miss Lancaster - I said, "I am willing to go and work with anybody who needs help, but the Negro will accept you, but I do not know how the Caucasin race will accept me.

OCTOBER 1965

Miss Hazel Jenkinson - Miss Jenkinson met and discussed Civil Rights compliance forms with the Negro president of the Home Demonstration Clubs. She told them she would call all of the club officers and County Council officers together and see what could be worked out. She also said, "I have met with your group, I will arange for Miss Lancaster to meet with all of the other groups."

Miss Lancaster - I have not met with any of the White club presidents nor officers.

Mrs. Tisby Holmes - Sampit Club President asked Miss Hazel Jeninkson to come along with me November 2, 1965 to their club meeting, but she did not go.

The complaint was made concerning me from the county to Clemson University.

April 1966

I refused to read a letter Sears Robuck has written Miss Jenkinson concerning my account. I got behind because of sickness. I had alread explained my situation with the manager at Sears.

She wanted me to tell her when I willma make payment. I hold her I will write them myself because it is concerning me, and I just do not need anyone to take care of my personal affairs. I said Sears must want you to pay it since he wrote you.

April 11, 1966

Miss Jenkinson gave me a letter from Mrs. Sarah Knox, Pee Dee District Supervisor. The letter read: "I will be in your county for a Staff Conference Wednesday 13, 1966."

Mr. Lewis, Pee Dee District Supervisor and Mrs. Know came and had a conference with the White Agent first, and met with me alone.

Mr. Lewis said, "Janie, I have been trying not to say anything to you, but you are not doing your work. You do not have the right attitude toward your work, when you are late, no one knows where you are, and you don's talk in the meetings. If I have any trouble out of you again, I will ask you to resign. You will be checked on and remember Miss Jenkinson is the home agent." He was very rude.

He gave me a chance to defend myself. I said, "Mr. Lewis you perhaps have a complaint, but it certainly does not pertain to extension work. It is my personal affairs. I resent Miss Jenkinson handling any of my personal problems." I told Mr. Lewis I am positive I am cooperating with the Civil Rights Bill. I always give Miss Jenkinson a weekly schedule and I sure do tell the secretary where I am going. Mr. Lewis replied, " have got two pictures." Then he said, "Do you have anything else to say." I said, "no, the complaint was made and I will accept it this time, but you must remember whenever you dig a ditch for someone, you might be the first one to fall in."

April 15, 1966

I asked for a conference with Mr. Hardee and Miss Jenkinson. Mr. Hardee was off, therefore, the conference was scheduled for April 18, 1966.

We met and I discussed things that the District agent said, "I told them he tried to put pressure on me, but I was not goingt to work under pressure."

Miss Jeninson said, "Clemson told her to check on me also the specialist told her to check and Clemson said she is too easy.

April 19, 1966

Miss Jenkinson question my itinerary weekly schedule. Miss Jenkinson said, "give an accout for yourself. Where have you been from 2:00 p. m. until 7:30 p. m. I said, Miss Jenkinson where have I been?" She said, "yes, you did not have any meeting schedule for 2:00 p. m. I said, "no, but I had a 4-H meeting at 3:30 p. m., and a Community Development in the Myersville Community at 7:30 p. m. I am sure I have proff because I made a phone call from Mr. F. G. Ford's home at 9:30 p. m. to Georgetown. I told her that I held my 4-H Club meeting, I made home visits, so I am telling you the truth about my work. "I can go fromt the county to Clemson and from there to Washington with what I reported to you.

April 29, 1966

I gave her a County Council report. She did not attend the meeting.

Mrs. Sarah Knox told me to prepare the program, however, the Council officers wanted Miss Hazel Jenkinson to help them, and she refused to assist them. I also explained the program.

May 2, 1966

Miss Jenkinson asked me for direction of all my weekly club meetings.

May 2, 1966

Miss Jenkinson buzzed the phone. I picked up and I said, "Hello" I received no answer. I went to her office and asked her who buzzed the telephone, she siad "Oh! someone called Mr. Stanfield, but he was not back. (She was checking on me)

May 9, 1966

Miss Jenkinson and Mr. Hardee was in meeting in the Court House (Jury room) with only Caucasians.

May 13, 1966

Mrs. Knox visited the county. I did not know she was coming. Miss Jenkinson came to my room and said, "Mrs. Knox is here and she would like to see you." Mrs. Knox said, "Janie I had planned to visit your club, but Miss Jenkinson said, 'you could not reschedule the meetings. (I did not attend the H.D. Club meeting the day Mr. Joseph Stanfield, Assistant Agriculture Agent was buried, May 10, 1966.)
She met with Miss Jenkinson first. I went to her office to let her know the Winyah Height Club meeting was scheduled for May 16, 1966 at 4:00 p. m. and the secretary told me that Miss Jenkinson was in a meeting.

Miss Jenkinson said, "I must put a note under her door whenever I am leaving the office and she is out. I have not written one as yet.

May 24, 1966

Mrs. Frances Odom, Housing Extension Specialist, visited the Georgetown County. She spent 1 hour with Miss Jenkinson before I was called. When I entered the Home Agent's office, everyone spoke. Mrs. Odom began the conference with the Assistant Agent, "Janie I noticed from your report you are doing a lot of work in housing. I said "some families are remodeling the entire house, some remodeling various rooms and some are building." Miss Jenkinson had all of my monthly reports on her desks. So, she began to pick out certain months. This is what she said,, "now you just tell Mrs. Odom how you went about giving this demonstration". "Tell her just how you assisted the people." I explained, "as you know

I do not work with other agencies, so I tell everyone who ask for assistance to consult a contractor before they reach any decision about their plans. Miss Jenkinson came behind me at Cumberland 4-H meeting on April 24, 1966. She did not tell me she was going to attend. It was raining that day, so, I was sitting in my car waiting for the members to gether. She came to my car and sat. I told her since you came out today, I will take you to one of the adult club member house and let you see some of the work. I took her to Mrs. Ida Mae Green's home. She was introduced and I asked Mrs. Greem to let her look through the house. This visit was mentioned to Mrs. Odom. Miss Jenkinson said, "you carried me to one of your lady's home, but she did not tell me what you assisted her with." I said, "you did not ask her what I assisted her with.".

June 9, 1966

Miss Jenkinson came to my room and asked me how was the Palmetto State Council Meeting. I explained the meeting to her.

June 17, 1966

Miss Jenkinson wanted direction for my weekly schedule. I asked her "are you going to work with them? I gave her a list of my low-income families. "No" she replied, she said, "I need to keep up with what's happening in the county.

I said, "You are keeping up with what I am doing, but ' don's know what you are doing." Miss Jenkinson said, I guess we need to sit down and read our responsibilities because I am over the entire county, I am the Home Agent and the Associate Agent." Mrs. Knox and Mr. Lewis told her to keep up with everything that goes on in the county.

Miss Jenkinson does not discuss any of the work or the assistances she gives the Caucasian race. She and Mr. Hardee are not having any meeting pertaining to the work. (Leaders training meeting, 4-H Training Meetings, Committee Meeting) I am behind with what is being done or going on in the county.

I am not up-to-date with other agencies regulationship since the Civil Rights Bill was passed because only the Home Agent and the County Agriculture Agent attend and work with these agencies. Welfare, F. H. A, The Health Department and Civil Defense.)

I am being pressured with the Negro race concerning problems, but I am not familiar with their phases of program, I have not been invited to any of their meetings.

I am the Assistant Home Agent and I am working with only Negroes. I have the responsibility of assisting Negroes with their problems and attending their meetings. The Negro secretary only type the Assistant Agent work. The office still remain as two. The Home Agent Agent and theAssistant Home Agent have separate filing cabinets. The Home Agent get their information from the Asssistant Agent concerning the Negroes. Miss Jenkinson told me to make out lesson plans for all of my demonstration lessons and give her a copy. I have made them out, but I have not passed them to her. Mrs. Knox Mrs. Odom and Mr. Lewis did not dicsuss the program across the table from both races. They only dig on me. "Janie, What do you teacher and tell the people with whom you work?." Mrs. Odom worked with Mrs. Jenkinson the entire day. She took her out in the county during the afternoon. Mrs. Odom did not help me. I was questioned by Mrs. Jenkinson and Mrs. Odom.

I am being watched and checked on by the Home Agent and she said, "Mrs. Know and Mr. Lewis gave her that authority."

There is private rest room on the first and second floor in the Court House Annex for the Caucasian employees, One of the Extension secretary was locked up for forty-five minutes one morning in the rest room. The Caucasian employees have keys, but the Negroes do not have keys for the rest room nor for the Assistant Home Agent office.

The Negro office door are never lock. Any one can enter the office from the hall entrance. The lock was removed to be placed on the private rest room for the Caudasians employees in the court house. I asked Mr. Hardee, the County Leader for a coat rack and a lock for the door since September 1965 and he has not gotten it as yet.

S.C. RAP

TO: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Feild Director, National Sharecroppers Fund

FROM: Eugene W. Hagans, Acting Field Representative, National Sharecroppers Fund
1330 Laurel Street, Columbia, South Carolina

Activites for June 1, 1966 through June 30, 1966

June 1, 1966. I attended theregular monthly meeting of group 1 Chester and Fairfield Counties at Upper Hope Station Baptist Church, Fairfield Conty, South Carolina. Financial Aid for High School and College Students, the New 1965 School Integration Guidelines and "Federal Housing for Rural and Low-Income Families were topics for discussion. Sixty-one persons attended the meeting. The basic officers for a credit union will be elected at the next meeting.

June 3, 1966. I checked on two federally assisted projects in Chesterfield County to see if they are operating on an integrated basis. (Mr. James L. Sutton, Box 34, pageland, South Carolina and Mr. George W. Horton, Box 247, Hartsville, South Carolina). Not only did I contact citizens but also Mr. H. R. Crawford, program specialists (ACP) in the state office of ASCS. Mr. Crawford states that the projects are checked each year for public participation. The last check was made in April 1966 and they were found to be in compliance.

I also attended the regular monthly meeting of group II Chesterfield, kershaw and Lancaster Counties. The meeting was held in the United Presbyterian Church, pageland, South Carolina. Twenty-nine persons attended the meeting. The topics dicussed were; the value of rural credit unions, the effects of integration on the economy of the South and the need for greater participation in adult basic education.

Monday, June 6, 1966. I went to Mayesville, Sumter County, South

Carolina and counseled with Rev. McKay Miller on Progress of the Credit Union. Because of certain federal regulations, the name had to be changed from the Tri-County Credit Union to the Goodwill Credit Union. The government requires a group with a closer bond than would exist with three counties involved.

Sunday, June 12, 1966. I attended a mass meeting in Bishopville, South Carolina. After a talk on Credit Unions and Self Help Housing a temporary committee was elected by the group to bring in a list of names to organized a non-profit organization to sponsor any types of Federal programs available through such an organization. Eighty-seven persons were in attendanc representing a cross section of the county.

Tuesday, June 14, 1966. The regular monthly meeting of group VII was held in Early Branch, South Carolina. Twenty-two persons attended the meeting. Hampton, Jasper, Collecton, Beaufort and Allendale Counties. Topics discussed were; credit unions, self help housing and opportunity loans to rural and low-income families. I also counseled with Mr. Charlie Rhett in Reevesville, Dorchester County, South Carolina whose property is about to be taken by a white neighbor. I was advised by attorney Matthew Perry that a compromise will be the best solution to the case.

Wednesday, June 15, 1966. The regular monthly meeting of group VI was held in Cross, Berkeley County, South Carolina. Berkeley, Clarendon, and Dorchester Counties. There were only nine persons in attendace because of the cucumber season. The grading plant hires every available person in the community during this period. The plant operates 24 hours per day. Cucumbers are produced by all farmers in the area by contract. Topics discussed were; the value of the ballot, the effects of integration on the economy of the South, the added bebefits derived from adult basic education.

Friday, June 17, 1966. The regular meeting of group V was held in Lake City, South Carolina. Florence and Williamsburg Counties. Topicadiscussed were scholarships and financial aid for high school and college students. There were 73 persons present.

Tuesday, June 21, 1966. I counseled with Mrs. Nancy Jones from Denmark, South Carolina. She has a building now being used as a rest home for the aged, and handicapped childern. After considering the possibilites, I carrier her over to the OEO office on Gervais Street. We talked with Mr, Jess Bullard, Field Representative. He seemed interested in this type of program and stated that if the proper proposal was submitted there might be a chance of getting a grant providing the building passes the inspection of the State Health Department.

Wednesday, June 22, 1966. I went to Mayesville, Sumter County, South Carolina, and met with members of the Goodwill Credit Union. July 18, 1966 was set as the date to begin $5.00 or more for shares and to continue collecting membership fees.

Monday, June 27, Tuesday, June 28, 1966, I went to Summerton, South Carolina and gave assistance to the Voter Education Project.

Wednesday, June 29, 1966. Mr. Wilfred C. Leland, Special Assistant for Equal Opportunity, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Labor Washington, D. C. telephoned from Allendale, South Carolina and offered to give assistance with complaints arising from unfair labor practices in industry involving plants that have made loans under title VII. He also stated that any complaint against industral establishments might be channelled through his department.

Thursday, June 30, 1966. The regular monthly meeting of group X was held in Dalzell, Sumter County, South Carolina. Sumter and Richland Counties.

Twenty-four persons attended the meeting. The topics discussed were; the value of the ballot, opportunity loans to rural and low-income families, and the need for rural credit unions. I held an organizational meeting after the discussions, and the bassic officers needed to start a credit union were elected. Nine persons paid membership fees at this meeting.

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SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1966 10:00 A.M.-2:30P.M.

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Film-"This Land Is Ours" will be shown by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

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Lunch will be served

Come and bring a friend

SC - RAP

To: Mr. Jac Wasserman Field Director

From: L. S. James, Field Representative

Subject: Weekly Report for July 19 - 22, 1966

I Discrimination Charge in ASCS Payments for Diversion of Cotton Crops

II Counties New Emphasis on Preparation for ASCS Elections

III Report from SC-ASCS State Advisory Committee

A S C S Payments Delayed without Producers Consent

In a meeting this week at Cross, S. C. with a group of farmers, it was reported that many farmers who are eligible for ASC. S payments for diversion of cotton crops have been told their checks will be held until they pay for fertilizer and seeds which they purchased from local stores.

The farmers say that they have not authorized the local manager of the ASCS county office in Chesterfield County to pay their money to any one else. This has been reported to the State Executive Director of ASCS. He is contacting the local manager for a report on this charge. We plan to get all of the farmers involved in this complaint to sign a statement indicating that the facts about this withholding of producers payments without their consent are true.

II Counties Visited this Week are Preparing for ASCS Elections

The following counties have been visited during this week are Orangeburg, Williamsburg, Florence, Berkeley, Barnwell, Bamberg and Allendale. Of course meetings were held with groups of farmers from each of these counties. The leaders of these counties whom we contacted have promised to put on a special drive to prepare for full active participation in the forthcoming ASCS elections. Copies of the election calendar for 1966 have been given to all the leaders. They are planning to make a special effort to prepare for the most successful ASCS elections that they have ever had. This decision was made after I had explained the South Carolina election calendar for 1966 for the community and county elections for ASCS committees.

III South Carolina ASCS Advisory Committee Service

I had a lang talk with one of the members of theis advisory committee this week. E was told that they have had about 3 meetings. They always meet with the executive director of S. C. - ASCS office. They only meet when they are called together by him. Their first meeting was with the Executive Director and the ASCS State committee.

This advisory committee does not have a chairman. I understand that they have been trying mainly to encourage the ASCS local officers to employ more Negroes in survey work and cleical positions. I was told that they had not had any complaints brought to them. They don't know how to get the people to bring their problems to them.

I have informed them through Mr. Solomon that we will bring this complaint to the leaders who will be attending our State-wide conference here in Columbia on August 6th. So far this committee has not served any worthwhile purpose for the advancement of the farmers and their relatives in our state.

You will find a copy of our outlined program for the State-wide conference which is to be held as stated above on August 6th.

The Rural Advancement Program is sponsoring a state wide conference on Saturday, August 6, 1966 for selected representatives from counties in S. C. at Zion Baptist Church, 805 Washington Street, Columbia, S. C. A copy of the program is enclosed.

We would like for you to be responsible for bringing four other farm operators. If all five comes in one car the gasoline cost for the trip will be paid.

We had only 14 regular ASCS Negro Community Committeemen elected in 1966 form the whole state. There was not a single Negro County Committeeman elected in the state.

We are trying to improve this record for our ASCS election in 1966. We need your cooperation. Please.come.

Your community, county, and state need your participation.

Sincerely yours

L. S. James, Field Representative

Eugene W. Hagans, Asst. Field Rep.

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Enclosure

State Wide Conference On Preparation
for 1966 ASCS Elections
at
Zion Baptist Church
805 Washington Street

Sponsor: Rural Advancement Program
(NSF and SCCHR)

When: Saturday, August 6, 1966, 10:00 a.m.--4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. Invocation
Rev. Jesse Walker, Pastor
Zion Baptist Church

Purpose of Meeting
Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director
NSF, Atlanta, Georgia

ASCS Election Calendar for S. C. 1966
Mr. C. E. Foy, State Executive Director
ASCS, Columbia, South Carolina

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Film
"This Land is Ours."

1:30 p.m. Address
ASCS Federal Administrator

2:30 p.m. Special Conference (Farm Operators.)

4:00 Adjournment

From: Eugene W. Hagans, Assistant Field Representative, National Sharecroppers Fund, 1330 Laurel Street, Columbia, South Carolina

Subject: Weekly Report-July 19, 1966-July 23, 1966

Monday, July 18, 1966- I made contacts and set up a program for a one day workshop for Dillon County on Saturday, July 6, 1966.

Tuesday, July 19, 1966- We held the regular monthly meeting of Group V in Lake City, South Carolina. Florence and Williamsburg Counties were represented. Topics discussed were: How to prepare for ascs elections and the need for better rural housing. Forty persons attended the meeting.

Wednesday, July 20, 1966- I held an interview with Mrs. Mamie L. Jacobs of Columbia, South Carolina who was on the MDTA program at Pacific Columbia Mills, Columbia, South Carolina. She states that, she and three others were dismissed from the training program with only three weeks and two days training. She also states that she had almost reached full production schedule. This case has been reported.

Thursday, July 21, 1966- We attended the regular monthly meeting of Group VIII in Barnwell, South Carolina. Topics discussed were: How to prepare for the ASCS elections and FHA loans. Allendale and Barnwell Counties were represented.

Friday, July 22, 1966- We began making preparations for a State Conference on ASCSElections. This conference will be held on Saturday, August 6, 1966 at the Zion Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1966 we also held the regular monthly meeting of Group VI in Cross, Berkely County, South Carolina. Topics discussed were: How to prepare for ASCS elections and FHA loans.

S.C. - RAP

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July 25, 1966

Mr. L. S. James
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear L. S.:

This will be brief as I am very much behind with my work due to time spent in Alabama and elsewhere. I have enclosed copy of letter from John Gipson of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights relative to the complaint sent by Miss Janie Lancaster.

I don't see why the young lady you mentioned who needs a loan can't get it from FHA if she is moving to a community with a population of less than 5,500. It would seem to me that she would be eligible for an Opportunity Loan. I don't know of any government source for small loans aside from FHA and SBA. If she has plenty of business, why can't she get a bank loan and have one or two people co-sign the loan for her?

If you are not able to get quick satisfaction of the complaint filed with the State ASCS Director regarding the checks withheld by the ASCS office in Chesterfield County, I would suggest that you file a complaint with William M. Seabron, Assistant to the Secretary, U.S.D.A., and with the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Regarding your ASCS meeting on Saturday, August 6th. I would prefer that you arrange to have the State Director of ASCS and the representative of the Washington office of ASCS (probably Victor P. Phillips, Civil Rights Coordinator) speak in the morning so that we have the entire afternoon available (without them present) for planning our campaign. If that is agreeable, I would suggest that the ASCS representatives provide us with complete information on the new regulations and procedures for the election, after which the floor should be thrown open for questions and discussion. I think that you should preside during the morning session. I will be glad to open up the afternoon session to speak on the importance of the elections and to present a plan for a successful election campaign in South Carolina.

I have made reservations to come to Columbia from Washington, D. C. on Piedmont Airlines on Friday August 5th. I will beo on flight #803 which is due to arrive around 9 P. M. I don't know the exact time. Can you make a reservation for me at the Laurel Motel (or elsewhere). If you are free that evening perhaps we can meet after I get in to discuss the agenda and other matters. Otherwise, I guess we can meet early Saturday morning.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Jac Wasserman
Field Director

JW:hjo

cc: Fay Bennett
Alice Spearman
Ed Stanfield

S.C. - RAP

TO: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director

FROM: L. S. James, Field Representative and Assistant

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for July 25 - 29, 1966

Monday, July 25, 1966, we got out additional notes to 35 counties to notify leaders about the ASCS election. Mr. Albert Roach of Camden, South Carolina, was advised how to get a loan for his small business.

Tuesday, July 26, 1966, we attended meetings in Fairfield County at Great Falls, South Carolina and discussed calendar for the ASCS election.

Wednesday, July 27, 1966, help Mr. Jordon of St. George get assistants for training 80 women for beginning employment in a sewing factory. Held regular meeting in Early Branch, for farmers from Jasper and Hampton Counties to discuss the ASCS election.

Thursday, July 28, 1966, held regular meeting with farmers of Sumter County, Dalzell, South Carolina urging greater participation in the ASCS elections. This County has 692 white farm operators and 1,567 Negro farm operators.

Friday, July 29, 1966, held regular meeting with farmers from Aiken, McCormick, and Edgefield Counties in Edgefield, South Carolina.

Number of South Carolina Farm Operators by Counties
(Source: 1960 Census)

County	County Total	White		Non-White	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Abbeville	1044	750	71.8	294	28.2
Aiken	1692	1019	60.2	673	39.8
Allendale	447	214	47.9	233	52.1
Anderson	3209	2488	77.5	721	22.5
Bamberg	898	522	58.1	376	41.9
Barnwell	812	489	60.2	323	39.8
Beaufort	579	149	25.7	430	74.3
Berkeley	1918	715	37.3	1203	62.7
Calhoun	832	450	54.1	382	45.9
Charleston	641	373	58.2	268	41.8
Cherokee	1329	1082	81.4	247	8.6
Chester	1322	682	50.8	640	49.2
Chesterfield	2007	1498	74.6	509	25.4
Clarendon	2584	912	35.3	672	64.7
Colleton	1868	1075	57.5	793	42.5
Darlington	2547	1255	49.3	1292	50.7
Dillon	2219	1242	56.0	977	44.0
Dorchester	1360	662	48.7	698	51.3
Edgefield	1360	662	48.1	558	51.9
Fairfield	859	373	43.4	486	56.6
Florence	4583	2662	58.1	1921	41.9
Georgetown	1081	542	50.1	539	49.9

County	County Total	White		Non-White	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Greenville	2322	1962	84.5	360	5.5
Greenwood	838	604	72.1	234	27.9
Hampton	826	503	60.9	223	39.1
Horry	4988	4028	80.8	960	19.2
Jasper	570	217	38.1	353	61.9
Kershaw	1168	678	58.0	490	42.0
Lancaster	1234	912	73.9	322	26.1
Laurens	1564	1042	66.6	522	33.4
Lee	1693	616	36.4	1977	63.6
Lexington	1800	1641	91.2	159	8.8
McCormick	398	180	45.2	218	54.8
Marion	2071	1010	48.8	1061	51.2
Marlboro	1246	614	49.3	632	50.7
Newberry	1400	1072	76.6	328	23.4
Oconee	1607	1460	90.9	247	9.1
Orangeburg	3415	1660	48.6	1755	51.4
Pickens	1378	1333	96.7	45	3.3
Richland	1167	647	55.4	520	44.6
Saluda	1278	1002	78.4	276	21.6
Spartanburg	3108	2586	83.2	622	16.8
Sumter	2259	692	30.6	1567	69.4
Union	846	531	62.8	315	37.2
Williamsburg	4292	1395	32.5	2897	67.5
York	1796	1158	64.5	648	35.5

National Sharecropper Fund and The S. C. Council
On Human Relations
Invites you to Attend a State-Wide Meeting

To Help Organize your Community for Participation in the
1966 ASCS Elections to be Held on August 6th

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Only 14 Negroes were elected in South Carolina as regular members to ASCS Community Committees in 1965, although there are more than 35 counties where the number of Negro farm operators make it possible to elect Negroes to ASCS Community Committees. This meeting is called for the purpose of seeing that each community not only has Negro candidates on the ballot, but assuring that the candidates selected are those chosen by the Negroes communities, rather than by the power structure.

If you want to have a candidate of your choice on the ballot. . .
If you want to know more about the new regulations issued for this election... .
If you need help in organizing your community. . .
COME TO THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON:

Saturday, August 6th at 10 A.M. promptly.

at Zion Baptist Church
805 Washington Street
Columbia, South Carolina

We'll be expecting you.

S.C.-RAP

TO: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director

FROM: L. S. James, Field Representative and Assistant

SUBJECT: Weekly Report, August 1 through August 6, 1966

Monday, August 1, 1966

Visited the Campbell Soup Company in Sumter, S. C. to get information about requirements for entering into contract with this company to raise chickens. All farmers are guaranteed an income of $3500 a year. Farmers furnish chicken house only, to raise 10,000 chickens 5 times a year at 7 cents each. Baby chicks, food, medicine, technical assistance, and transportation of chickens to the plant are furnished by the company. All farmers within a 40 mile radius are eligible to participate.

Tuesday, August 2, 1966

Visited Fairfield County to encourage participation in the ASCS elections.

Wednesday, August 3, 1966

Visited Darlington to meet with farmers to encourage participation in the ASCS election.

Thursday, August 4, 1966

Held conferences with leaders in the area of Marlboro County to encourage farmers to participate in the ASCS elections. Held a meeting in Bennettsville County seat of Marlboro County for a group of persons interested in self-help housing. Mr. Sam Odell, Chief of the Real Estate Loan Division of State FHA Office, explained the requirements for participation in Self-Help Housing Program.

Friday, August 5, 1966

Visited Pageland for a regular meeting of Farmers and Rural people of the area to discuss ASCS elections.

Saturday August 6, 1966

Held a State-wide conference on preparation for 1966 ASCS elections. Leaders from 25 counties were present. A total of 75 persons were in attendance at this meeting. A copy of the program and all information distributed are attached to this report.

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STATEWIDE CONFERENCE ON PREPARATION
FOR
1966 ASCS ELECTIONS

at

Zion Baptist Church
805 Washington Street
Columbia, South Carolina

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Sponsors:	Rural Advancement Program (NSF and SCCHR)
When and time:	Saturday, August 6, 1966 at 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
10:00	Invocation Rev. Jesse Walker, Pastor Zion Baptist Church
10:10	New regulations and Instructions for ASCS elections Mr. C. E. Foy, State Executive Director, ASCS Coulumbia, South Carolina
10:55	Question and Answers
11:10	Federal Policies on ASCS elections Mr. Victor Phillips, Civil Rights Coordinator ASCS-USDA Washington, D. C.
11:55	Question and Answers
12:10	Lunch
1:15	Workshop on ASCS elections Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director NSF Atlanta, Georgia
4:00	Adjournment

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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE ASCS ELECTIONS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

WHY IS ASCS IMPORTANT?

Because the ASCS gives out your crop allotment.

WHO CAN VOTE IN THE ASCS ELECTION?

Any man or woman who owns or rents a farm, or who is a tenant or sharecropper on someone else's farm can vote.

You do not have to be able to read and write to vote.

You do not have to be registered at the Court House to vote in ASCS.

There is no racial discrimination in this program. You can vote if you are Negro or White or any other race.

IF YOU WORK FARMS IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTY, CAN YOU VOTE IN BOTH COMMUNITIES?

No. You can only vote one time. You may chose which community you want to vote in if you work two farms.

WHO CAN RUN ASCS COMMITTEE ELECTIONS?

Anybody who can vote in ASCS elections can be a candidate for ASCS committeeman. But, the candidate must live in the community he is a candidate from.

HOW DO YOU RUN THE ASCS COMMITTEE ELECTIONS?

There are two ways for a man or woman to have their name on the ballot:

1. One way is for the man or woman to have their name put on the ballot by the County ASCS Committee. Usually the people put on the ballot by the County ASCS Committee do not work for you. They work for the other man.

2. You can put your own candidates on the ballot by PETITION. That way you can be sure that they will work for you.

HOW DO YOU PUT CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT BY PETITION?

You can make your own petition or use the one attached to this notice. All you need on the petition is a statement saying that those people who sign the petition want to nominate a person (the petition must have his whole name) as your candidate for the ASCS voters in his ASCS community.

You can sign as many petitions as you want.

Petitions must be turned into the county ASCS office at least 25 days before the day the election ballots are due at the office. In South Carolina that is on the 19th of August.

WHAT IS AN ASCS COMMUNITY?

Each county is divided up by the ASCS County Committee into ASCS Communities which are NOT the same as the communities people live in. They are much bigger and will include many rural communities. Sometimes they will cut a rural community in half. The ASCS County Committee is supposed to write you a letter telling you what community you are in. If you have any questions about what community you are in, you should ask at the ASCS County office.

WHAT ARE THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT STEPS TO REMEMBER IN AN ASCS ELECTION?

1. The FIRST important step in an ASCS election is to nominate YOUR OWN friends and leaders by PETITION. The easiset way to do this is by calling a meeting of farmers in your community and let the meeting decide who to nominate by petition. Then, at the meeting have the petitions signed and have someone carry them the next day to the County ASCS office. If you cannot get them signed that night, have someone carry them around the next day until you have 10 or 12 signatures.

2. The SECOND important step to remember in an ASCS election is CANVASSING.

   ASCS voting is new to many people. They will be getting letters in the mail from the ASCS Committee explaining how to vote. But they may not pay any mind to these letters since they have never voted before. It is up to you and your meeting of farmers to go around to every farmer in the ASCS community and explain to him or her how important the ASCS elections are and to see that he votes.

   One of the biggest reasons many ASCS votes are lost is because people do not sign their name correctly on the outside envelope. Your canvasser can help by showing everybody how to vote, (but of course he cannot vote for them) and be the witness who helps the voter who cannot read and write.

   Your canvasser should also explain that if you only like one or two of the men who are running as ASCS committeemen, you do not have to vote for 5 people. You can vote for only those people you trust.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE TO REMEMBER IN AN ASCS ELECTION?

Yes. Remember that if anyb dy tries to keep you from voting or tries to force you to vote for someone, or threatens you with violence or loss of credit if you vote, he is BREAKING THE LAW.

You should report all violations of the law in a simple letter to:

The Secretary of Agriculture
United States Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

And the National Sharecroppers Fund can help if you will send a letter telling about your problems to:

The National Sharecroppers Fund
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

This notice was prepared by the National Sharecroppers Fund.

P E T I T I O N

We. the undersigned eligible voters of the _____
(Insert Community Identificatio

Community nominate Mr./Mrs. _____ _____
(Name) (Address)

for the 1966 ASCS community committee and request that his/her name be placed on the ballot.

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ASCS ELECTION MANUAL

This pamphlet is a suggested plan for organizing an ASCS election campaign. It is based on experience from 1964 and 1965 in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and North Carolina. Yoi may want to do things differently but these basic ideas should help you to have a WINNING campaign.

FIRST

The first thing to do is form an election committee in your ASCS community. This committee should be made up of farmers in your ASCS community. It is important to remember that ASCS communities are NOT the same as your rural or church communities. Usually the ASCS communities are larger and cover 3 or 4 rural communities. Very often the ASCS community boundary lines cut real communities in half.

THEN

After the election committee is formed, it needs to do three things:

1. The election committee should send a group to the county ASCS office to get a list of the eligible voters in your community from the ASCS rolls.

2. The committee should also ask the county ASCS office for an ASCS county map so they can know which farmers are in what community, at the time of the present election.

3. The election committee should find out when the petitions and ballots must be turned into the ASCS office, and when the ballots and sample ballots will be mailed out.

4. The election committee should also request sample ballots at this time from the ASCS County Office.

THEN

Call your first planning meeting for the whole ASCS community. The first meeting is just to get started. You should plan to hold meetings once a week in each ASCS community until the elections, starting about 6 weeks before the day the ballots are due back at the ASCS office. It is a good idea to hold these weekly meetings in different churches or schools or homes so that more people will hear about them and be able to come.

At the first meeting you should explain how important the ASCS elections are because the ASCS committees give out the extra crop allotments, measures land and determines the soil bank payments. You should explain that they are Federal elections and all farmers, large or small, white or black, owners, renters, tenants or sharecroppers are supposed to vote in these elections.

After people understand the purposes of the elections you should explain that in the past many sharecroppers, tenants, and other small farmers have been left out of the elections. Then read the list of eligible voters in your community that you got from the ASCS office to see if all the people at your meeting have their name on that list. If some people at your meeting are eligible and do not have their names on your community ASCS list, one member of the election committee should write their names down on a separate piece of paper and arrange to go with them to the ASCS County office to get their names on the eligible voters list. People who know sharecroppers and tenants who are not on the list should give their names so an investigation can be started.

Finally, at this first meeting you should ask for volunteers to

work as canvassers and precinct Captains for the ASCS elctions. Ussually it is easiest to ask for one volunteer from each road in a community. He is responsible for contracting all the farmers on his road or on roads near where he lives. Also, it makes it easier on everyone if each Church community has one precinct Captain who helps the canvassers and who the canvassers report to. The Captain is a member of the election committee.

A second meeting should be arranged before you adjourn the first meeting. A subcommittee should be chosen to visit the ASCS County Office Manager to invite him to speak at the next meeting. They should also invite him to show slides which the United States Department of Agriculture has prepared explaining the ASCS elections. If he says he cannot come, this should be reported to the State Director of ASCS and to the National Office of ASCS.

The canvassers should be prepared to convass each member of their district to make sure that they come to the meeting.

And, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT that the convassers make a list of each farmer, renter, sharecropper, or tenant in their district so they can find out if people have been left off the ASCS list.

THEN AT THE SECOND MEETING

The ASCS County Office Manager will speak and explain the ASCS election, if he comes. If he does not come, somebody who is familiar with the ASCS elections should explain the elections again because you will have many new people at this second meeting.

After the elections are explained. allow a long period for questions so that everybody gets a chance to ask whatever question he has.

This is now a good time to tell people that they should be thinking about who they want to represent them on the committee so they can nominate them at the next meeting. (It is always good to plan what you are going to do at the next meeting so people will want to come.)

THEN AT THE THIRD MEETING

You will have to begin by explaining the ASCS elections again. This is good because some people do not understand everything after hearing it only once. Everyone should be asked if he has any questions he wants to ask.

Then the group should democratically decide who they want to nominate for the elections. A this time it should be explained again that usually all the names put on the ballot by the ASCS committee were noy democratically selected. The only way to make sure people on the committee do what you want is to nominate them yourselves and make sure they are elected. Then it is important to remember that no more than 5 people should be nominated by petitions because you will split your vote with more than 5 people and make sure the other man wins.

After the group has democratically decided who they want to nominate, they should get petitions signed for those people. Each petition must have at least 6 signatures of eligible voters in the ASCS community. But it is a good odea to get 12 signatures because the ASCS offices sometimes refusss to honor all needs to say something like:

We nominate _____ for ASCS
committeeman forthe _____ community

The petition should then be signed with the names and addresses of at least six people from the same community.

THE NEXT MEETING ARE VERY IMPORTANT. THIS IS WHEN YOU PLAN YOUR STRATEGY AND PRACTICE VOTING. DEPENDING ON HOW GOOD YOU DO THIS PART OF THE PLAN, YOU WILL WIN OR LOSE THE ELECTION.

AT THE FOURTH MEETING

You must do the following things:

1. Make sure that every voter knows that he should have only for the people put on the ballot by petition. Each voter should understand that a vote for the other man means that the other man will win. You must vote only for those people nominated by you.

2. Each voter should also understand that if you have less than 5 of your own people on the ballot by petition, you should vote for only your own candidates. You do not have to vote for 5 candidates. If you have only placed 2 candidates on the ballot by petition, you should vote only for them.

3. The best way to make sure that everybody in your community knows exactly how to vote and whom to vote for is to have them practice voting at your 4th mee meeting with sample ballots which you made up after seeing the sample ballots from the ASCS office.

4. Then your canvassers should be ready to go from house to house to help the people in his district practice if they did not make it to the meeting. People should fill out as many sample ballots as they need to make sure that the people know how to do it.

By now you are probably having your meetings **once a week on the same night.** People will be used to coming to meetings. You can announce that at the next meeting there will be more time to practice and that the final plans will be made to make sure of VICTORY.

THEN AT THE FIFTH MEETING

Make sure that all of your canvassers have a list of all the voters in their district. This is called a check-list. They should carry this check-list around with team beginning the day the ballots arrive by mail. At each house they should make sure that the farmer or share-cropper has voted. They check off his name on their check list after he has voted. They must go around every day until each man in their c community has been checked off.

The canvassers should be able to read and write so they can help those farmers vote who cannot read and write. They must understand that not only do they have to sign their own name to outside en-velope, but that they must print the voter's name next to his "X".

If the area is well organized, people can come to a meeting and mark their ballots at that time.

At this meeting you might want to discuss whether or not it would be best th have pople hols their ballots back until the day before they are due so that the other side cannot know how strong your vote will be and have time to run out and scrape up some extra votes to beat you with.

THEN THE SIXTH MEETING SHOULD BE DURING THE VOTING PERIOD

The canvassers should give their reports and plans should be made to have emergency workers canvass to see that late voters vote and carry their own ballots to the office, if necessary, to make sure they are in.

At this meeting you should select a committee who will be at the place the ballots are opened and counted so that you can be sure that the ballots are counted fairly. Announce that any interested person can attend. The more people you have there the better chance you have of having an honest election.

BUT BE SURE TO ASSIGN some people to go so that you are sure you are represented at the vote counting.

Then be sure to call a meeting for AFTER the election to review what happened. This will be your VICTORY meeting. If you have to protest you should choose a committee to do the protesting in the name of the community.

NOW THAT WE HAVE FINISHED THE STEP BY STEP SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU ABOUT THREE VERY IMPORTANT THINGS:

1. You cannot win the election unless all your eligible voters are on the ASCS list. You must begin working on getting all your voters on the eligible voter list at the very beginning of the campaign and you will probably have to work on this problem for the whole 6 weeks.

2. If you have trouble getting your candidates on the ballot by petition you can either boycott the election, or you can conduct a write-in campaign. Write-in campaigns are very difficult, but possible. The ballots must have spaces for write-in names. Have your meeting decide which names are written in and then you practice writing those names in just like you practice for the regular voting. Sometimes people spell wrong and it is harder to get them to write in names than it is to have mark an X on the ballot.

3. Keep a record of everything you do and everything that happens. If you need to protest the election, your case is much stronger if you have a record of everything that happened. For examlpe, it is best to have a written letter inviting the ASCS office manager to your meeting when your committee goes to invite him. If he refuses, you have proof because you kept a copy of that letter.

   You should keep a list of all things done wrong in the election. If the ASCS office manager does not have the slides to to show you, you should make a note of that. If you are kept out of watching the voting you should write down who was was kept out, at what time they were kept out, who kept them out, and who saw all this happen. You should note any time that any ASCS official is discourteous to you and you should report any acts of discrimination that you might suffer.

   Also you should immediately report any acts of violence or intimidation in connection with the ASCS election to the nearest FBI office and by mail to:

   Secretary of Agriculture
   United Staess Department of Agriculture
   Washington, D. C.

   and copies of all complaints should be sent to

   The National Sharecroppers Fund
   5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
   Atlanta, Georgia 30303

   so that the National Sharecroppers Fund can follow-up on your complaints.

REMEMBER: You can win this election if you want ti.

The only thing which can stop you from winning is not working.

If you work, <u>you will win</u>.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 1966

MAIL ELECTION

July	7	State Committee approval of any community boundary changes.
August	5	Public notice of designation and boundaries of communities.
August	5	Public notice of right to nominate by petition (including special notice to be mailed to each eligible voter of record).
August	5	Notify community committee chairmen of responsibility and furnish regulations and instructions.
August	19	Final date for receiving nominating petitions.
August	26	Final date for completing slate of nominees.
August	26	Final date for receiving Forms ASCS-587.
September	2	Public notice of mail election.
September	2	Public notice of county convention.
September	2	Deadline for mailing ballots to farmers.
September	13	Final date by which ballot must be postmarked or returned in person.
September	19	Final date for tabulating ballots.
September	20-23	County convention (date to be set by county committee). This date should not be earlier than 3 days following the date on which ballots are tabulated.

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Number of South Carolina Farm Operators by Counties
(Source: 1960 Census)

County	County Total	White		Non-White	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Abbeville	1044	750	71.8	294	28.2
Aiken	1692	1019	60.2	673	39.8
Allendale	447	214	47.9	233	52.1
Anderson	3209	2488	77.5	721	22.5
Bamberg	898	522	58.1	376	41.9
Barnwell	812	489	60.2	323	39.8
Beaufort	579	149	25.7	430	74.3
Berkeley	1918	715	37.3	1203	62.7
Calhoun	832	450	54.1	382	45.9
Charleston	641	373	58.2	268	41.8
Cherokee	1329	1082	81.4	247	8.6
Chester	1322	682	50.8	640	49.2
Chesterfield	2007	1498	74.6	509	25.4
Clarendon	2584	912	35.3	672	64.7
Colleton	1868	1075	57.5	793	42.5
Darlington	2547	1255	49.3	1292	50.7
Dillon	2219	1242	56.0	977	44.0
Dorchester	1360	662	48.7	698	51.3
Edgefield	1360	662	48.1	558	51.9
Fairfield	859	373	43.4	486	56.6
Florence	4583	2662	58.1	1921	41.9
Georgetown	1081	542	50.1	539	49.9

County	County Total	White		Non-White	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Greenville	2322	1962	84.5	360	5.5
Greenwood	838	604	72.1	234	27.9
Hampton	826	503	60.9	223	39.1
Horry	4988	4028	80.8	960	19.2
Jasper	570	217	38.1	353	61.9
Kershaw	1168	678	58.0	490	42.0
Lancaster	1234	912	73.9	322	26.1
Laurens	1564	1042	66.6	522	33.4
Lee	1693	616	36.4	1977	63.6
Lexington	1800	1641	91.2	159	8.8
McCormick	398	180	45.2	218	54.8
Marion	2071	1010	48.8	1061	51.2
Marlboro	1246	614	49.3	632	50.7
Newberry	1400	1072	76.6	328	23.4
Oconee	1607	1460	90.9	247	9.1
Orangeburg	3415	1660	48.6	1755	51.4
Pickens	1378	1333	96.7	45	3.3
Richland	1167	647	55.4	520	44.6
Saluda	1278	1002	78.4	276	21.6
Spartanburg	3108	2586	83.2	622	16.8
Sumter	2259	692	30.6	1567	69.4
Union	846	531	62.8	315	37.2
Williamsburg	4292	1395	32.5	2897	67.5
York	1796	1158	64.5	648	35.5

Federal-Programs With Aid for Farmers and Non-Farm Rural People

I. Federal Extension Service: Smith-Lever Act Created Cooperative "ES" with County Agents.
   A. Activities of County Agents
      1. Visiting farms and advising individual farmers
      2. Organizing and serving 4-H and home demonstration clubs as well as associations and cooperatives
      3. Arranging farmer's classes and lectures by specialists
      4. Assisting in community development committees
      5. Keeping farmers informed on Federal Dept. programs

II. Three Direct Federal Programs of Assistance to Farmers
   A. Help provide by "Soil Conservation Service"
      1. Helping low-income families improce their economic position through sound conservation treatment of their land
      2. Providing technical assistance to district cooperators. Watershed groups, treatment to conserve soil and water and damages resulting from mismanagement and floods.
      3. Works thru organized soil conservation districts; each governed by a local board of supervisors; somposed five persons; two appointed by the State Conservation agency and other three elected under state law.
   B. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) is most important agency of the Department of Agriculture especially for Farmers in the south who depend on alloted crops such as cotton, tobacco and peanuts. All employees even the farm fieldmen are hired by the Federal government.
      1. 92% of Negro farmers grow these crops.
      2. The local county committee has the following duties.
         a. making decisions on the size of a farmer's allotment
         b. adjusting program benefits between landlords and tenants
         c. answering appeals of farmers objecting cuts in allotments
         d. hiring county staff for ASC office; all staff members are locally selected and not subject to the merit system or Civil Service; they are given retirement and insurance benefits which Federal employee receive; and they are covered by non-discriminatory requirements
         e. State committees for ASCS are appointed by the secretary of Agriculture
         f. County committees are selected by elected community committee men
         g. The ASCS also promotes participation in the agricultural conservation program. ACP is a cost sharing grant program to assist farmers in developing needed conservation practices; a cooperative effort with the Soil Conservation Service-$212 million was divided among 1.2 million participants in 1962. 75% of these new participants in this program in 1962 were Negroes.

III. Farmers Home Administration is a Federal Loan Program for farmers and Rural People:

1. It is administed by the State Director with the assistance of a State committee appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and local county committees appointed by the State Director himself.
2. The program is one of loans to farmers together with technical assistance to "help family farmers acquire the resources needed for successful operation that will bring these families up the economic ladder."

IV. How to apply for loans under EOA

1. See pamphlet entitled "Opportunity Loans for Rural Families with Small Incomes."
   a. Primary purpose of loans-to increase the borrower's income. (see examples on pages 2 & 3 of pamphlet)
   b. Loans are made by the Farmers Home Administration up to $2500 per farmer. (Rate of interest 4 1/8% with 15 years to repay)
   c. Farmers organized in cooperatives can borrow up to $30,000. (Rate of interest and time for repayment, same as above.)

V. How to get help for irrigation

1. Help from two government agencies is available for this purpose
   a. The ASCS will provide assistance for digging a pond under its ACP Agricultural Conservation Program.
   b. The FHA will provide loans for the purchase of equipment pumps and machinery for distributing water to areas of need.
   c. Both of these agencies prefer working with groups of farmers working as a cooperative with a pooling agreement.
   d. The FHA will furnish technical assistance in helping to organize any group of farmers into a coop who wish work together to save duplication in the purchase of machinery or other heavy equipment that can be used on a cooperative basis.
   e. Farmers should first appeal for aid to the local county offices of the ASSCS and the FHA.

VI. All farmers should plan to participate in the ASCS community committeemen election. Ballots for this election are in your hands or on the way now.

1. Negroes are being listed on the ballot as nominees in the same proportion as they are to the total farmer--population in each county.
2. Nominees can also be listed on the ballot by request of any 6 eligible farmers.
3. Remember there are two significant changes in the Community elections this year.
   a. All three of the elected community committee-men will participate in the county convention where they will elect three county ASCS committee-men.
   b. The three community committee-men will be elected on staggered terms of years. 3, 2, 1
   c. Remember that 2 alternates will be elected in the community and county elections. Don't forget to mail or carry your ballot to the county ASCS office by September 13th.

S.C. - R.A.P.

To: Jac Wasserman, Field Director

From: L. S. James, Field Representative & Assistant
1330 Laurel Street, Columbia, S. C. 29201

Subject: Weekly Report for August 8 - August 12, 1966

Monday, August 8 and Tuesday August 9 -

Made a careful examination of card files of grassroot and resource persons from the N S F office of New York. Eliminated alln name cards of inactive persons and added names of new persons and retained the names of those who are still active. Returned the revised list of name cards to N S F New York office.

Wednesday, August 10, 1966

Held a meeting in Chester County at Great Falls. Explained to leaders and farmers how to prepare for A S C S elections. Planned a subsequent meeting for a group of farmers in another section of the county to be held September 4, 1966. Meeting requested by farm leaders in this area.

Thursday, August 11, 1966

Visited individual farm families in Marion county to discuss preparations for A S C S elections. Found some farmers who had not received notice about the ensuing A S C S elections. Held a conference at night with a group of farmers and other rural people from Dillon and Marion

counties. Over half the persons present at this meeting were farmers. All of them had received notices of the coming A S C S elections. Plans for preparation to vote for nominees whom they hope to petition for were discussed. Some Negro nominees who were already on the ticket for the A S C S election were present at this meeting.

Friday, August 12, 1966

Visited Lake City, S. C. for a regular meeting with the farm group from Florence County. Discussed preparation for making petitions for nominees to go on the ticket for the A S C S election. None of the farmers in this area had received any notice about A S C S election. They were told where to go to get this information and to have their names put on the eligible list of voters for A S C S elections.

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To: Jac Wasserman, Field Director
From: L. S. James, Field Representative & Assistant
1330 Laurel Street, Columbia, S. C. 29201
Subject: Weekly Report for August 15 - 19, 1966

Monday, August 14, 1966

Visited and had conference with farm operators in Richland County, encouraging them to take a more active interest in the A S C S elections of 1966.

Tuesday, August 16, 1966

Had special conference with leading farm operators in Sumter and Kershaw counties. Found many farmers who knew nothing about the A S C S elections of 1966. Gave them information and directions both verbal and written on the A S C S elections.

Wednesday, August 17, 1966

Met with the Assistant Director of the Dorchester County Title III B (EOA) Training Program for seasonal farm workers. Got his consent to present written information about the A S CS Elections to the large group of farm operators in his training courses which have just opened. He also got the ASCS manager of the local county office to the present slide lecture on preparation for the A S C S elections. This same lecture was presented to a group of farm operators in Barnwell County under the directions of Mrs. Barfield. We held a meeting of farm operators at night in Cross,

Berkely County, S. C. Sixty farm operators were present. at this meeting. Representatives from three of the four designated A S C S communities of Berkeley County were present. They prepared petitions for each of the communities represented and signed them.

The following problems were presented at this meeting:

1. Twelve farm operators who did not sign contracts for their checks from ASCS for diversion of acres of cotton crops have not received them yet. All these are farmers who complained last month about not having received their checks for diversion of crops because the check were being held until they pay for the fertilizer. Thses are farm operators near Cross, Berkeley County, South Carolina. They claim no investigation has been made.

2. These farm operators who were required to sign contracts before they received their fertilizer giving the A S C S authority to send their checks to various business concerns who sell fertilizer, were not even notified when their checks came until the checks had been received by the merchants and applied to their bills.

3. It was also reported by Mr. James Spann, who raises tobacco, that he was refused an operational loan for his farming this year because he had a serious crop failure last year and was only able to repay $1000 of the $1600

which he borrowed. He was able to get a loan for the operation of his farm this year from a bank in a town near by. When he took his tobacco crop to the market for sale it was purchased but the check for his sale was made out in his name and the local Berkeley County FHA. The local Supervisor had requested the purchaser of his tobacco to make the check out this way without the consent of this producer.

Problems like these are keeping low-income farmers from handling their own income. It is making it very difficult for them to get any money to live on. It is almost like being in slavery. I understand from the Associate Extention Agent in Bamberg County that all low-income farmers are treated the same as these farmers are treated in Berkeley County.

Thursday, August 18, 1966

Visited farm operators in the western part of the large county of Orangeburg in answer to their request for help in getting ready for the A S C S elections. In cooperation with the Associate Extention Agent of Bamberg County we were able to get information to leading farm operators in all their four A S C S communities.

Friday, August 19, 1966

Visited leading farm operators in Jasper County to help them in a last minute preparation of petitions for all five

of their A S CS communities.

Held a meeting of farm operators at Early Branch from Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties. Discussed in detail how to prepare for the A S C S elections. Left with them written directions to guide them in preparing to participate in the A S C S elections.

The article attached entitled "Dillon Reguest OEO Grant for Adult Education," appeared in the State Paper Friday, August 19, 1966. It is the same project which we in S R T P developed with them in June 1966 under E O A Title III-B for seasonal farm workers to begin September 19, 1966.

SC - RAP

To: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director

From: L. S. James, Field Representative and Assistant
1330 Laurel Street, Columbia, S. C. 29201

Subject: Weekly Report for August 22 - August 26, 1966

Monday, August 22, 1966

Had conference with group of leading farmers of Newberry County. Discovered that they had not participated in previous A S C S elections. Had no knowledge of the meaning of such elections, had not received any information about preparation for the 1966 A S C S elections. They promised to call meetings in all communities and encourage participation in 1966 A S C S elections.

Tuesday, August 23, 1966

Held conference with leading farmers in Aiken County. They had never participated in A S C S elections. They have not received any information about the 1966 A S C S elections. These cases were reported to the State Executive Director. Arrangements were made with the farm leaders to hold a county-wide meeting of all farm operators on September 2, 1966. At this time Mr. C. E. Foy, State Executive Director of A S C S, has promised to present the lecture with slides on how to prepare for and participate in A S C S elections.

Wednesday, August 24, 1966

Mr. Foy has reported that the reason that the 12 farmers had not received checks for diversion of crops when we were in Cross, S. C. last week is because of a change in office staff with accompaning inefficiency.

Had a conderence with some leading farmers in Lee County and helped them to plan for participation in A S C S community elections. They are organizing farm operators in each community. Held a regular meeting of farm and rural leaders at 8:00 p. m. in Lynchburg, S. C. Which is in Lee County.

Thursday, August 25, 1966

Held conference with some leading farm operators in Union County. They reported that in one community where they voted last year, that no Negroes were on the ballot. This has been reported to the State Executive Director of A S C S. These farmers are planning to have ~~right~~ write in candidates in this County, especially in the community where Negroes were not included on the ticket last year.

Friday, August 26, 1966

Held a meeting in Edgefield, S. C. with farm and rural leaders from Aiken and Edgefield County. We discussed with them how to prepare for more effective participation in A S C S elections. They plan to organize their communities for participation in A S C S elections. Two Negro nominees from two different communities of Edgefild County were present at this meeting.

They plan to take leadership in their communities in getting Negro farm operators to participate. White and Negro leaders were in attendance at this meeting.

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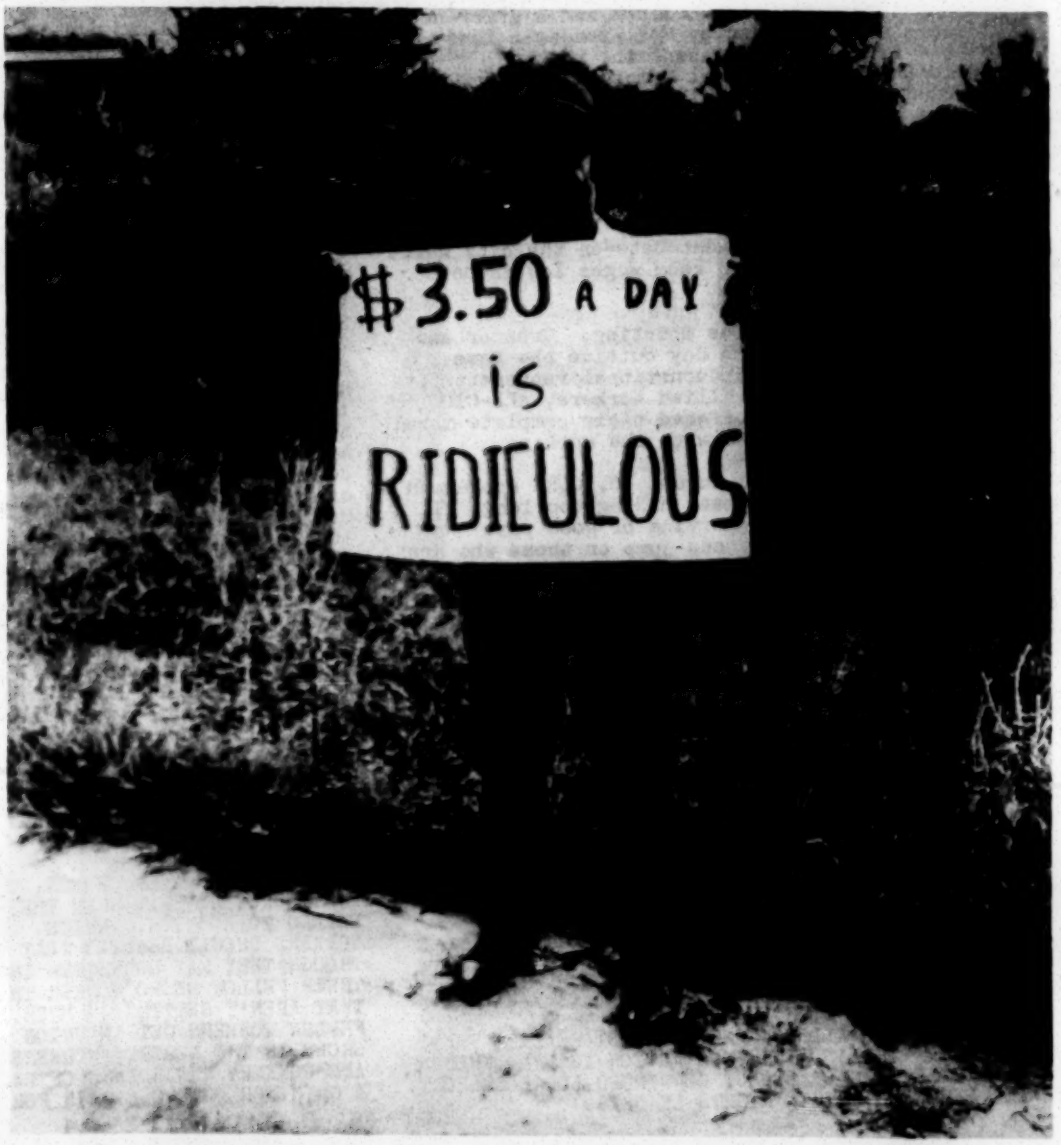

ON THE PICKET LINE AT SHAW AIR FORCE BASE IN SUMTER
(see inside story and additional pictures)

SUMTER — WHERE THE ACTION IS /

NEGRO DOMESTICS STRIKE AT SHAW

On Tuesday, August 9, Negro domestic workers and militant community civil rights workers organized a picket line protesting the plight of the underpaid domestic workers who are employed by Air Force personnel at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter. These workers are now paid AN AVERAGE OF 57 CENTS AN HOUR.

The protest grew out of the dissatisfaction of the domestic workers with their low wages. Local community leaders and white civil rights workers organized the picket lines and a grievance committee of three was elected, headed by Mrs. Benjamin Loney of Sumter. This committee attempted to present the workers' grievences to the Base Commander, Colonel Sampson. So far, Col. Sampson has refused to see the committee and has commented to the press that wages paid to maids was a private affair between the maids and their employers and that he had no authority to intervene.

This opinion is not shared by the protestors who feel that since low wages on the base help maintain and justify low wages in Sumter that there exists a tacit agreement between the city white power structure and the base command to keep wages low in both communities.

By Wednesday, August 17, the protest was mounting. Greater and greater numbers of workers marched each day outside the Base. Support came from Mr. Thomas Marina, international representative of the United Packing House, Food and Allied Workers, AFL-CIO. In addition, the Sumter CORE chapter offered their complete moral and physical support picketing together with the workers.

At a well-attended meeting on Tuesday, August 16, CORE spokesman, Mr. Ralph Cantey, said, "Negroes have been hiding too long. If you're deserving of the job, you're deserving of good pay. Negroes have to stand up, get together and jump on those who are not with us, including preachers, doctors, and the other Negro well-to-does." Mr. Cantey further stated that "if they don't work for you, don't work for them." He decried pastors who "went home with a fat pocketbook each Sunday, but who do nothing to help the community during the rest of the week."

Another CORE leader from Sumter, Reverend Lewis, is organizing the local pastors in support of the protest. Complaints will be filed with the Department of Defense and the Office of Economic Opportunity. A mass meeting has been called for the fourth Sunday in August in Sumter.

CONTRAST APPLAUDS THE SUMTER WORKERS AND SAYS THAT THIS MAY REPRESENT A NEEDED BREAKTHROUGH IN CIVIL RIGHTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA. A MAN OR WOMAN CANNOT HAVE A SENSE OF HIS HUMAN WORTH AND DIGNITY IF HE CANNOT SUPPORT HIS FAMILY. HE CANNOT SUPPORT HIS FAMILY WITH 57 CENTS AN HOUR.

THE ISSUE IS MONEY. IF THIS PROTEST SUCCEEDS, THE WAGES OF EVERY DOMESTIC IN SUMTER WILL HAVE TO BE RAISED, AND THIS IN TURN WILL FORCE OTHER LOCAL EMPLOYERS TO PAY THEIR WORKERS A LIVING WAGE.

LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS IN ALL COMMUNITIES MUST REALIZE THAT THE REAL ISSUE IS MONEY. THAT'S WHERE THE ACTION IS, AND UNLESS THEY FACE THIS ISSUE, THEY CANNOT EXPECT CONTINUED LOCAL SUPPORT. IN SHORT, THEY WILL BECOME EX-CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS.

LABOR UNREST SPREADS IN SUMTER

Recently the Campbell Soup Company opened a multi-million dollar plant in Sumter. Officials of the Company have promised employment for 1,200 workers. Although hiring is not yet complete, it is already apparent that Negroes are not being given a fair number of jobs.

Mr. Thomas Marina, international representative of the United Packing House, Food and Allied Workers, AFL-CIO, is attempting to organize the plant. In an exclusive interview with CONTRAST, Mr. Marina offered the following opinions: Salaries at unorganized Campbell plants in the North average over $2.00 an hour. In Sumter the average salary is $1.50 an hour. In the North, Negroes have been hired on a non-discriminatory basis, but in Sumter they are not. He said that if Negroes make up 45% of the population in a community that they deserve 45% of the jobs in that community. Mr. Marina estimates that 10-12% of the workers hired at the Campbell plant in Sumter are Negroes.

Mr. Marina voiced support of the protest at Shaw Air Force Base and promised to have his men on the picket lines. He pointed out that a wage increase for other groups of workers leads to increases among further groups and that is why the power structure at Shaw is reluctant to pay domestics a living wage.

CONTRAST SAYS ALL WORKERS, WHITE AND NEGRO, BENEFIT WHEN THEY BELONG TO A UNION. WHITE WORKERS SHOULD REALIZE THAT EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY DO BETTER THAN THEIR FELLOW NEGRO WORKER THAT THEY AREN'T GETTING AS MUCH AS FELLOW WORKERS GET IN UNION SHOPS IN THE NORTH. WORKERS ARE WORKERS REGARDLESS OF RACE. A GAIN FOR ONE IS A GAIN FOR ALL.

SCENES FROM THE PICKET LINE AT SHAW AIR FORCE BASE IN SUMTER

Announcing CONTRAST

What is the Carolina CONTRAST? It is the only state-wide newspaper in South Carolina telling the whole truth about civil rights.

CONTRAST is a Negro-oriented newspaper which will be published every 2 weeks by the South Carolina Voter Education Project. It will deal with civil rights and related issues. It will attempt to interpret the successes and failures of the civil rights drive. It will tell it as it is. Sometimes there will be several sides to an issue even within the Negro community. CONTRAST will serve as a forum for spokesmen for different and even contradictory views. Obviously such views may at times not reflect the official position of the South Carolina Voter Education Project. CONTRAST will air these views in an attempt to stir comment and discussion of those topics of interest to the Negro community of South Carolina.

Who should read CONTRAST? Every Negro who is concerned about his brothers and his brothers' children should read it. Every Negro who wants good housing, equal and integrated schools, better wages should read it. Every Negro who wants to wield his share of political and economic power should read it.

How can you help CONTRAST? This is a non-profit venture. The staff does not get paid. We need all the help we can get. We need community reporters in every South Carolina city and rural area. We need cartoonists and photographers. We need people who can help spread the word about the newspaper. If you can do any of these tasks, we need you. If you know of anyone who can do these jobs, please have them contact us.

CONTRAST is your newspaper, and your efforts on its behalf can help to make it a success.

Finally, you can fill out the subscription blank on the bottom of this page and can encourage your friends, family, and students to subscribe to CONTRAST. Subscriptions will help cover the cost of printing and distributing the newspaper.

This first issue of the Carolina CONTRAST is respectfully dedicated to MR. I.S. LEEVY, Richland County funeral director and patriarch of the Negro political movement in South Carolina. Now entering his 90th year, Mr. Leevy has fought the good fight, and despite certain differences with the South Carolina Republican Party, his ship for many years, he is still actively involved in the political affairs of this state and nation.

CONTRAST salutes you, MR. I.S. LEEVY, Citizen of South Carolina.

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My Black Position Paper

BY

HON. ADAM C. POWELL

OF NEW YORK

Mr. POWELL. Mr. Speaker, this year I celebrate a quarter of a century in politics.

In those 25 years, a philosophy which has guided my thought and my every act has evolved out of my life experiences as minister, politician, Congressman, and man from Harlem.

This philosophy is summed up in what I call my "Black Position Paper."

But it is an open-end continuing document whose contents are always subject to the influence of new ideas and changing events.

The black position paper is an outline for living and call to action for America's black people.

It is, above all, that passionate reaffirmation in what black people are today and what we can be tomorrow.

The following 17 points comprise my black position paper:

1. We must give our children a sense of pride in being black. The glory of our past and the dignity of our present must lead the way to the power of our future.

2. Black organizations must be black led. Other ethnic groups lead their own organizations. We must do the same. Jews lead the American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee and B'nai B'rith. Irish control the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and the Irish-American Historical Society. Poles head the Polish-American Congress and the Polish National Alliance. Italians lead the Italian-American Democratic organizations and the Italian-American Labor Council. This kind of honest pluralism is a happy fact of American life.

3. The black masses must be primarily responsible for their own organizations. Only with black financial control can black organizations retain their honesty, their independence and their full commitment to the urgency of immediate equality.

4. The black masses must demand and refuse to accept nothing less than that proportionate share of political jobs and appointments which are equal to their proportion in the electorate. Where we are 20% of the voters, we should command 20% of the jobs, judgeships, commissionerships, and all political appointments.

5. Black people must support and push black candidates for political office first. This mandate should apply particularly where black candidates are at least equally well-qualified as other candidates.

6. Black people must seek audacious power—the kind of power which cradles your head amongst the stars and gives you the security to stand up as proud men and women, eyeball to eyeball with the rest of the world.

As Chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, I control all labor and education legislation. This year, my Committee will raise the minimum wage for the second time in five years—both during my chairmanship. When I first became chairman, the Federal commitment to education was $450 million. It is now $360 billion—an eightfold increase. The $1.7 billion for the war on poverty which has given the poor of America their first opportunity to be heard as a national voice derives its mandate from my Committee.

This is legislative power. This is political power. Above all, this is audacious power.

7. Black leadership in the North and the South must shift its emphasis to the two-pronged thrust of the Black Revolution: economic self-sufficiency and political power. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 (with the exception of Title VII or the "FEPC Title") has absolutely no meaning for black people in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, or any of the northern cities.

It has been difficult for black leadership to grasp these new dimensions of necessary economic and political power for the black masses. This is because black leadership has been saturated to long with too many hustling social workers and professional "Negro leaders" whose only contribution they can make to American society is that they are white handpicked "leaders."

8. Black masses must produce and contribute to the economy of this country in the proportionate strength of their population. Rather than a race primarily of consumers and stockboys, we must become a race of producers and stock brokers.

9. Black communities of this country—whether they are New York's Harlem, Los Angeles' Watts, Chicago's South and West Sides, Philadelphia's North Side or Detroit's East Side—must neither tolerate or accept outside leadership, black or white.

Too many black communities in America today suffer from absentee black leadership.

Black communities must insist on black leaders living amongst them, knowing and sharing the harsh truths of the ghetto. These black leaders—the ministers, the politicians, the businessmen, the doctors and the lawyers—must come back to the black communities from their suburban sanctuaries or be purged as leaders.

10. The black masses should follow only those leaders who have true power—what President Kennedy called clout—and who can sit at the bargaining table with the white power structure as equals in power and negotiate for a share of the loaf of bread, instead of begging for some of its crumbs. These leaders will be chosen by the black masses themselves.

11. Demonstrations and all continuing protest activity must be non-violent. Violence even when it erupts recklessly in anger among our teenagers must be curbed and discouraged.

12. Black people must continue to defy the laws of man when such laws conflict with the law of God. The law of God ordains that "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

13. Black people must discover a new and creative involvement with ourselves. We must turn our energies *inwardly* toward our homes, our churches, our families, our children, our colleges, our neighborhoods, our businesses and our communities. Our fraternal and social groups must become an integral part of this creative involvement by energizing their resources toward constructive fund raising and community activities.

Too much time is spent on cotillions and champagne sips and running around sipping martinis in the homes of suburban white families. Some of those energies should be directed to helping black families who are starving in the inner city.

14. The War on Poverty must become that more productive crusade for jobs. The only thing that keeps a man impoverished is his incapacity to earn a living. Put some green in his pocket and some bread in his soul and he'll be that better citizen, that more productive father, that finer American.

15. The battle against segregation in America's public school systems must become a national effort, instead of the present regional skirmish that now exists. Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act outlaws *de jure* racial segregation. It has no meaning or application to the hard core pockets of *de facto* racial segregation in Northern schools which is just as malicious, just as destructive of the human spirit.

16. We must put pressures on our predominantly black colleges to shift their emphasis from teacher education to nuclear physics and aerodynamics. Black colleges are still grinding out teachers and sociologists while other major schools are graduating space engineers and nuclear physicists.

17. Every black man who considers himself an American must become a *registered voter*. Freedom in a democracy rests on a free electorate. A free electorate only survives when people vote. But do more than vote. Learn to vote for those who are your friends, against those who are your enemies. No black person over 21 must be permitted to walk a picket line or participate in any demonstration unless he or she is a registered voter.

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RICHLAND GETS FIRST PERMANENT NEGRO REGISTRATION CLERK

On April 4, 1966, Mrs. Elease Boyd started work at the Richland County Courthouse as the first permanent Negro registration clerk in South Carolina.

Each month when the registration books are open, Mrs. Boyd is busy at the Courthouse seeing that applications for registration certificates are filled out correctly and seeing that applicants sign their names to the rolls of the proper wards. Mrs. Boyd enjoys her work and says of her co-workers, "I wouldn't want to work with a group of nicer people."

Mrs. Boyd is also an active community worker. She has taught citizenship education classes for SCLC at Zion Pilgrim Baptist Church and played a part in organizing her precinct so that two of the three delegates to the Richland County Democratic Convention from Wayside Precinct this spring were Negroes.

As the mother of ten children, Mrs. Boyd has a vital interest in her home, too. Through her participation in community affairs, she met the County Home Demonstration Agent, and with the help of the Farmers' Home Administration, the Boyd's are planning improvements for their home.

VOLUNTEERS REGISTER 1531 IN JULY, AUGUST

by
PETE IVERSON
AFSC project participant

Fifteen summer volunteers working in Sumter County during July and August have succeeded in getting 1,531 Negroes to register.

The volunteers, under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee, and in cooperation with a local inter-organizational steering committee, came from around the country to participate in the citizenship education project. The integrated group was led by Robert and Margaret Welsh.

Although the primary object of the project was voter registration, other matters were dealt with during the June 25-August 20 effort. In the area of community organization, block meetings were held in different Negro sections of the city of Sumter. These sessions concentrated on neighborhood problems.

In addition, tutorial work was done with the children living in the immediate vicinity of the project house on South Harvin Street. The AFSC group also played an important role in a write-in campaign for city council by two Negro candidates.

Of primary importance to the voter registration success was the systematic approach to canvassing. Areas were canvassed house-by-hourse, with continual rechecking to catch people who were originally not at home. Arrangements were made immediately to pick up unregistered individuals at specific times to take them down to the place of registration (eliminating whenever possible the "Oh, I'll get down there by myself" excuse). When a person failed to meet such an appointment, efforts were made to reschedule the pickup.

Local contacts in canvassing proved to be vital--particularly in rural areas of the county. These people were influential in reducing the fear of the idea of registering to vote. A good example of the effectiveness of local contacts came in the Mayesville area of the county where close to 125 people went to register.

Visits to churches around the county paid off handsomely. This proved an ideal way of establishing oneself within a particular section. It was also important in serving as a base of operations in rural areas--getting local contacts, arranging for transportation, etc. (A kind word from the pastor was always of assistance!)

Perhaps the key to the final figure of 1,531 was the work done in downtown Sumter on the days when the registration place was open. Project members worked in the business section, talking to people who "had business to tend to." Quite frequently, it was possible to talk people right into cars touring the downtown area. Saturday, August 6, saw 294 Negroes register; Saturday, August 13, saw 198 more register. A healthy number of these 492 people were plucked from the crowded streets of Sumter.

The AFSC project will leave behind it a program for neighborhood children, block meeting structures with elected block leaders, and records of all Negroes registered in Sumter County. But equally as important as the records, will be the concrete realization in the minds of the people that registering to vote is nothing to fear.

Negro Farmers Have Opportunity To Secure Rights Through ASCS

by
Lynn Gilroy

Are you a sharecropper who works with your family all day long in the hot sun only to make your landlord richer and yourself poorer?

Or are you a farmer who goes deeper into debt each year because your crop allotment is cut, or because you are not given the correct information on your rights as a farmer?

If you want to change this, then you and your neighbors must ORGANIZE and begin to demand a share of the power that has always been in the hands of white farmers. To share in this power which effects your livlihood you must have a representative or some voice on your ASCS County Committee. (ASCS stands for Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.)

In your county there are three men who decide the size of your crop allotment. They are your ASCS County Committeemen.

There are two steps in electing an ASCS County Committee. If you are a farm owner, sharecropper, or renter, you are eligible to vote and should get a ballot before September 2 for the ASCS election. First, you use this ballot to elect three members of your ASCS Community Committee and two alternates. You do not have to be a registered voter to vote in the ASCS election, but you do have to be on the ASCS voting list of all farmers in your community. If you don't get a ballot in the mail, ask for one from your ASCS County Office, complete it, and mail or take it back BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 13 DEADLINE. Then, your community committeemen are supposed to represent you at an ASCS County Convention which elects three men to serve as your county committeemen. The community committeemen are the only ones who get to vote for the three men who will be the county committeemen.

Before the election, there is the important step of getting good men on the election ballot. There are many Negro farmers in South Carolina, but with few exceptions Negroes are NOT serving as either community committeemen or county committeemen. To have Negroes who you can trust represent you on your community committee and hopefully on your county committee YOU MUST ACT QUICKLY to get their names on this year's ballot.

Any farm owner, renter, or sharecropper may run for community committeeman, and you should nominate the persons of your choice by petition. You must petition for who you want or you will have no choice about the persons who appear on the ballot (made up by the County Committee). Then you must vote only for good people, especially those persons who you petitioned to put on the ballot. To form a petition get together with at least six other farmers (preferably 10 or 12), choose a candidate who lives in your community, make up a petition with your addresses and signatures which has a statement similar to this: "We the undersigned eligible voters of the (community name) nominate Mr. (or Mrs.) (name) address for the 1966 ASCS community committee and request that his (or her) name be put on the ballot."

Petitions must be mailed or turned into your county ASCS office by FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1966.

Remember, if you have not been able to nominate anyone by petition before the August 19 deadline, you can still get together with your neighbors and agree on write-in candidates.

Remember, you do not have to vote for as many people as there are vacancies to be filled. You should vote only for those people you want to represent you. This is different from a regular county political election.

Remember, if you don't get a ballot in the mail by September 2, you should go to your county ASCS office and get one. The absolute deadline for turning ballots in is September 13, 1966.

For more information about ASCS elections and your rights as a farmer, TAKE TIME TO WRITE:
Mr. L.S. James
S.C. Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, S.C.
and your ASCS county office.

Report any acts of violence or intimidation in connection with the ASCS election to the FBI and by mail to:
Secretary of Agriculture
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.
and copies of all complaints should be sent to Mr. James in Columbia.

350 NEGROES DISCUSS POLITICAL POWER IN HISTORIC MEETING

At the coordinated meeting of Statewide Negro political leaders, held at the Wade Hampton Hotel in Columbia Sunday, August 7, the following resolutions were passed.

The leaders voted support for the 1966 Civil Rights Act now pending before Congress.

They supported home rule for the District of Columbia. This is presently being delayed by Representative John McMillan, D- Representative from South Carolina.

Support came for the new federal minimum wage law which would extend coverage to include agricultural workers, domestics, hotel and motel employees. The participants also asked Congress to raise the federal minimum wage to $2.00 an hour.

The participants of the conference asked for an enactment of a statewide food surplus distribution plan for South Carolina. This plan is already on the statute books and only the callous disregard for the health and welfare of starving children prevents its implementation by the State Director of Welfare.

An attack was made on the "freedom of choice" method of desegregation. The political body suggested instead the immediate mandatory desegregation of all public schools. This means that white pupils would be impelled to attend presently segregated Negro schools. On August 9, 1966 the House of Representatives in Washington passed a new civil rights bill with an amendment proposed by Representative Howard H. Callaway, Georgia Republican, which would in effect make this demand impossible. The amendment reads- "Nothing in the act shall be construed to authorize action by a department or agency to require the assignment of students to public schools in order to overcome racial imbalance." If this amendment is passed intact by the Senate it would be a serious blow to the cause of civil rights.

Finally the conference issued a call for Negro citizens to be represented on a committee to study state election laws. This would ensure that every black ballot carried equal weight as does the white ballot.

Contrast supports the resolutions which were passed and says that you can help to ensure their fulfillment by:

1) Writing to your Senators (Strom Thurmund and Donald Russell) in support of the pending new minimum wage act
2) Writing Representative John McMillan in support of home rule for the District of Columbia
3) Writing Dr. Arthur Rivers, State Director of the Department of Welfare, demanding a food surplus plan for your community. Local groups should be formed to force enactment of this urgently needed plan which has already been approved by the Federal government. If children in your community are going to bed hungry it is your Christian duty to see to it that the State no longer deprives them of food. Without your pressure the State of South Carolina will let these children starve and even die.
4) Demand the complete integration of white schools in your community. Only when white pupils are forced to attend Negro schools will your children's education improve. Negro schools are inferior schools. Inferior schools lead to inferior jobs. Inferior jobs lead to low wages and poverty. Your children are being cheated until all schools and faculties are fully integrated.

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THIRD CLASS

Report of Activities of the Field Representative
SCCHR During the Months
June, July, and August, 1966

The activities of our Field Representative during this period have included the following:

I. Counties that are eligible for aid under EDA reduced.

II. Reported cases of discrimination by USDA agencies partially corrected.

III. Emphasis given to preparation for ASCS elections.

IV. Evidence of some progress and cooperation for Economic Development, Employment and Training.

I. EDA Counties Reduced in South Carolina

The Economic Development Administration which takes the place of the old Area Redevelopment Administration has announced that only 13 counties are eligible for aid. These counties have been classified as the only ones that are economically deprived in South Carolina with high unemployment and low family income. Previously this list included 27 counties. Our representative has been giving special attention to these counties to see that they are informed about proper organization and of the objectives of the Rural Advancement Program. The counties now eligible are: Allendale, Bamberg, Berkeley, Calhoun, Clarendon, Dillon, Edgefield, Fairfield, Lee, McCormick, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg.

Substantial gains in local economic conditions was the cause for the elimination of the other 14 counties from the eligible list.

II. Cases of Discrimination Get Attention

The case of Miss Janie Lancaster, Home Demonstration Agent for Georgetown County, which was reported to the United States Commission on Civil Rights because she wrote a full report to our representative

explaining how the Extention Service in Georgetown County still discriminates against her and the Negro people in that county. Immediate investigation of her complaints was made by the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights. She has reported that she is receiving much better treatment and respect by the officials in her local office.

All of the Negro farm operators in Cross, South Carolina who reported that the ASCS local office was delaying their payments for diversion of cotton crops, without their concent in order to use their money, for payment of their fertilizer bills, have reported that they have received their checks. Our representative reported this case to the State Executive Director and to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The USDA investigated this case immediately. This accounts for the farmers getting their checks without further delay.

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The advisor from her high school where she was graduated in June, 1966, had tried all the summer to find a school where she could enter on scholarship. He had to admit that all his efforts had failed.

I gave Mrs. Green, my address and told her to have her daughter write me immediately and I would try to find a place for her to enter school in September. Ruby did write immediately indicating that she wanted to take a course in business. She also stated that she had been unable to find a job to earn any money doing the summer. She emphasized the fact that her father is practically an invalid due to high blood pressure and paralysis. He has not worked any for four years. He was previously a sharecropper. He has nine children and his wife living with him, all of the children underage. Ruby has just attained the age of 17. The complete income of this family is about $125 a month.

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Anderson	3209	2488	77.5	721	22.5
Bamberg	898	522	58.1	376	41.9
Barnwell	812	489	60.2	323	39.8
Beaufort	579	149	25.7	430	74.3
Berkeley	1918	715	37.3	1203	62.7
Calhoun	832	450	54.1	382	45.9
Charleston	641	373	58.2	268	41.8
Cherokee	1329	1082	81.4	247	8.6
Chester	1322	682	50.8	640	49.2
Chesterfield	2007	1498	74.6	509	25.4
Clarendon	2584	912	35.3	672	64.7
Colleton	1868	1075	57.5	793	42.5
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Dillon	2219	1242	56.0	977	44.0
Dorchester	1360	662	48.7	698	51.3
Edgefield	1360	662	48.1	558	51.9
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Horry	4988	4028	80.8	960	19.2
Jasper	570	217	38.1	353	61.9
Kershaw	1168	678	58.0	490	42.0
Lancaster	1234	912	73.9	322	26.1
Laurens	1564	1042	66.6	522	33.4
Lee	1693	616	36.4	977	63.6
Lexington	1800	1641	91.2	159	8.8
McCormick	398	180	45.2	218	54.8
Marion	2071	1010	48.8	1061	51.2
Marlboro	1246	614	49.3	632	50.7
Newberry	1400	1072	76.6	328	23.4
Oconee	1607	1460	90.9	247	9.1
Orangeburg	3415	1660	48.6	1755	51.4
Pickens	1378	1333	96.7	45	3.3
Richland	1167	647	55.4	520	44.6
Saluda	1278	1002	78.4	276	21.6
Spartanburg	3108	2586	83.2	622	16.8
Sumter	2259	692	30.6	1567	69.4
Union	846	531	62.8	315	37.2
Williamsburg	4292	1395	32.5	2897	67.5
York	1796	1158	64.5	648	35.5

State Wide Conference On Preparation
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Zion Baptist Church
805 Washington Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Sponsor: Rural Advancement Program
(NSF and SCCHR)

Saturday, August 6, 1966, 10:00 a.m.--4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.: Invocation
Rev. Jesse Walker, Pastor
Zion Baptist Church

Purpose of Meeting
Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director
NSF, Atlanta, Georgia

ASCS Election Calendar for S. C. 1966
Mr. C. E. Foy, State Executive Director
ASCS, Columbia, South Carolina

12:00 p.m.: Lunch

1:00 p.m.: Film
"This Land is Ours."

1:30 p.m.: Address
ASCS Federal Administrator, Washington, D. C.

2:30 p.m.: Special Conference (Farm Operators.)

4:00 p.m.: Adjournment

S. C. - R.A.P

To: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director
From: L. S. James, Field Representative & Assistant
1330 Laurel Street, Columbia, S. C. 29203

Subject: Weekly Report for August 26 - September 2, 1966

Monday, August 29, 1966

Visited Clarendon County and had a conference with leaders relative to planning a requested meeting of farm operators to prepare for A S C S elections.

Tuesday, August 30, 1966

Had a conference with sharecroppers in Florence County to inform them of their opportunity to participate in A S C S elections.

Wednesday, August 31, 1966

Held a conference with a group of farm operators in Georgetown County near Gourdin, S. C. Explained to them their rights to participate in the A S C S elections.

Thursday, September 1, 1966

Met with a large group of rural and farm people at Dalzell, S. C.. Continued our conference on how to prepare for and participate in A S C S elections. A group of farmers from this area met with me on Sunday August 28, 1966 with whom the same subject was discussed.

Friday, September 2, 1966

Met with a group of leading farm operators in Aiken County at Wagener, S. C.. Mr. C. E. Foy, Executive Director of the

State A S C S office along with the manager of the Aiken County A S C S, were present at this meeting. This meeting was called becaused farm operators had not received any notice about A S C S elections prior to ten days before this meeting. Mr. Foy gave the talk on how to participate in the A S C S elections accompanied with slides. The farm operators were very pleased with this meeting. They had planned to use the write-in method on the nomination ticket since they are too late to use the method of petition.

S.C. - R.A.P.

To: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director

From: L. S. James, Field Representative & Assistant
1330 Laurel Street, Columbia, S. C. 29201

Subject: Weekly Report for September 6,1966 - September 9,1966

Tuesday, September 6, 1966

Held a group meeting with rural people and farmers from Chester County. Discussed with the farmers subjects:

1. How to apply for community recreation centers
2. How to get assistance for developing water and sewerage systems for rural communities
3. How to participate in the A S C S elections

Wednesday, September 7, 1966

Held a large group meeting in Lee County near Woodrow, S. C. with farmers and rural people. Discussed with them the following topics:

1. How to participate in the A S C S elections,
2. Why Negro parents should send their children to previously all white schools,

Thursday, September 8, 1966

Met with the Executive Committee, Personnel Committee and the Board of Directors of Project T-Square. Members of the Task Force for implementation of the program for Project T-Square were formally approved by the Board of Directors. So far only one Negro is on the Task Force but two more are to be selected immediately. The office for the Task Force of the Board of Directors of T-Square is located on the third floor of the old Columbia Hotel, Corner of Gervais and Sumter Streets, Columbia, SC.

Met with a group of leaders from Clarendon County to explain the A S C S elections.

Friday, September 9, 1966

A regular group meeting of rural people and farmers of Allendale, Barnwell and Bamberg Counties was held in Barnwell, S.C.

Problems located:

1. Many women reported frequent refusal to hire them when whites are being hired daily.
2. Two persons reported failure of two companies to pay Social Security tax which had been deducted from their salaries over a period of four years.

3. Another gentleman reported that he had been refused help from Social Security since his automobile accident which handicapped him to the extent that he cannot work. His employer suggested that he go on welfare which he refused to do. He was advised to appeal his case through a lawyer.

4. Women in domestic service report that they are only getting fifty cents an hour. They plan to organize themselves and request higher wages.

5. Farmers in Barnwell County reported how they had been helped by a lecture accompanied by slides on how to prepare for A S C S election by the local manager of the A S C S office. They reported also that Negroes are planning to vote for the Negroes who are on their ticket.

S.C. RAP.

To: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director

From: L. S. James, Field Representative
1330 Laurel Street, Columbia, S. C. 29203

Subject: Weekly Report for September 12, 1966 - 16,1966

Monday, September 12, 1966

Had a conference with a group of farmers in Pinewood, S. C. I tried to help them find a way to finance the building of modern chicken houses so that they can enter into contract with the Campbell Soup Company to raise chickens for use by this firm. This Campbell Soup Comapny is just opening up in this area. The chicken houses will cost nearly $8000 each. Each farmer has to obligate himself to build a chicken house at the above cost on a long term basis. It is hard to find any loaning agencies in the rural areas that are willing to loan such a large sum.

Tuesday, September 13,1966

Had a conference with leading farm operators in Lee and Kershaw counties, to get reports on how the A S C S elections were conducted in their counties. Results from the community elections as well as the county elections were being collected. As soon as the county election is over all results from these A S C S elections will be tabulated and sent to our office in Columbia.

Wednesday, September 14,1966

Met with the leading farm operators in Darlington, S. C. Discussed with them the results of the A S C S Elections in

county. The facts collected will appear in our next quarterly report.

Thursday, September 15, 1966

Ameeting was held in the Bethel Methodist Church in Marion, S. C. Farmers present were able to give some good reports about the A S C S elections in their county.

Friday, September 16, 1966

Held a conference by invitation with a group of farm operators and rural people in Springfield, S. C. to explain to them how to get help to secure loans from Farmers Home Administration. Some of them want loans to put up buildings to run small businesses such as; hair dressing parlors, barber shops and stores, The people were given preliminary briefing on opportunities available under FHA to build houses, to drill and equip water systems and to organize credit unions. The date for the next meeting of this group was set for September 28, 1966 at which time they will attempt to set up a community-wide organization.

S-C-R.A.P.

To: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Field Director
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Subject: Weekly Report for September 19 - 23, 1966

Monday, September 19,1966

Had a conference with Mr. C. E. Foy, Executive Director of S. C. ASCS relative to his cooperation in getting results of the ASCS elections from all the 46 counties in South Carolina. He has promised his whole-hearted cooperation in making this information available to me as soon as it is reported to him.

Tuesday, September 20,1966

Had a conference with Mr. Sam Odell, Chief Real Estate Loan Division for F. H. A. with regards to how he plans to provide for building homes for low income families. He has a plan with opportunities for families who receive an income as low as $1800 a year to build a $4000 home and pay for it on a monthly basis. These homes will be built with money secured by insured loans. He sought help from me to find private agencies or individuals from whom money could be borrowed.

Wednesday, September 21, 1966

Held a regular monthly meeting with rural and farm families at Cross, S. C. All of the farmers who had their checks held up by ASCS for diversion of cotton crops reported that they had received their checks, after we reported this problem to the Executive Director of ASCS. Mr. Spann of this community also reported that he received his check for his tobacco crop after he showed the letter which I received from the Executive Director of S. C. FHA to the local manager. This letter was received from the Executive Director after I wrote to him explaining the fact that Mr. Spann had been refused a loan for operating his farm this summer, yet his check for his tobacco crop was made out to the local FHA of Berkeley County and himself. He refused to sign it. Now the matter has been settled with Mr. Spann receiving all of his check.

Thursday, September 22, 1966

I was successful in finding two insurance companies and a local bank which were interested in making loans to the FHA for building low income family homes on an insured loan

basis. The names of these businesses are: The Victory Bank, the Pilgrim Life Insurance Company and the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. I took Mr. Odell to see the president of the Victory Bank and arranged future appointments with the other companies.

Friday, September 23, 1966

Held a regular monthly meeting at Early Branch, S. C. I found out at this meeting that the while community committee men keep themselves on the ticket for nomination and election for ASCS by getting Negroes in the community to sign petitions for them. Even the Negroes whom they put on for nomination are asked to sign a petition for the white committee men who are already in office to be elected.

attention Ed Stanfield

SC-RAP

Spptember 30, 1966

MEMO

To: L.S. James

From: Jac Wasserman

I have just had the opportunity to read through your reports for the past month and while I appreciate that most of your efforts during this period has been mainly concentrated on the ASCS elections, as reflected in your reports, it has meant that we have not been kept informed of other activities and projects in which you have been involved. I hope that in your subsequent reports you will be able to report more fully on the projects that you are working on in the particular counties and communities covered in your weekly reports.

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postmark of the date it was mailed. We may have occassion to use this as evidence that ASCS regulations from Washington were not followed by the States.

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I look forward to seeing you next Wednesday.

Best regards,

Jac Wasserman

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Report of Activities of the Field Representative
NSF - SCCHR During the Months
July, August, and September, 1966

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II. Reported cases of discrimination by USDA agencies partially corrected.

III. Emphasis given to preparation for ASCS elections.

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There is also interest in self-help housing in Dillon and Marion Counties. Six people were interested in self-help housing in Calhoun County. Since so many of the people interested in self-help housing could qualify for low-income family housing on an individual basis, 12 of them from Orangeburg County have been advised to request individual loans for low-income housing. Six of these homes are well on the way to completion. It has been decided by the groups concerned that the low-income housing will be better for many of the people concerned, because their skills will not allow them to contribute to self-help housing above common labor. In order to prepare groups for self-help housing in Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties, the pre-vocational courses under Title III-B of EOA includes special training for preparing the trainees who are interested in self-help housing with skills and information basic to participation in self-help housing. A copy of the proposal for the III-B Program for Calhoun and Orangeburg Counties is attached to this report.

Seven homes are to be built for low-income families with loans from Section 502 of the Rural Housing Act in Jasper and Beaufort Counties. These families have incomes ranging from $1800 to $2400 per year. Their homes will cost between $4000 and $5000.

To: Jac Wasserman, Field Director

From: L. S. James, Field Representative

Subject: Results of ASCS Elections in South Carolina For Negroes by Counties.

The Negroes in 15 counties in South Carolina participated in ASCS elections with some evident results. The results of the participation by the Negroes in these counties have been tabulated in the table entitled, "Results of the ASCS Elections for Negroes." The number of Negroes nominated by petitions is 63. The number of persons that were put on the ballot by petitions and won were 9, five of whom were regular committeemen and 4 were alternates. The results of Negroes participation in ASCS elections showed an improvement this year of 50% increase in the number of regular community committeemen. In actual figures, the increase was 7 more regular community committeemen elected this year than last year: 21 in 1966 against 14 in 1965.

In 1965, no Negroes were elected chairman of any community committee. None were selected as vice-chairman. However, this year 8 Negros were elected as community committee chairmen and 7 were elected as vice-chairmen.

In Williamsburg County, the Negro participation was very significant. They put 33 Negroes on the ticket for nomination by petition. They elected in three communities a complete group of Negroes for all members of the committees. This is why the table shows three community chairmen, 3 community vice-chairmen, 3 regular committeemen and 6 alternates. It was also in this county that 9 of the persons nominated by petition won in the election, 5 as regular committeemen, and 4 as alternates.

Negroes Present for Counting of the Ballots

All of the 15 counties listed in the table attached to this report reported that Negroes were present for the counting of the ballots.

Workshops for Training

There were 7 workshops held in 7 counties where farm operators were instructed how to participate in the ASCS elections. Our RAP representative furnished the leadership for these training workshops. However, the ASCS office cooperated with all these training workshops by furnishing speakers with illustrations by slide pictures. The places where these workshops were held are as follows: Aiken, Barnwell, Berkeley, Clarendon, Marlboro, Richland, and Sumter counties. The workshops held in Richland County was State-wide. Our main objective was to get some Negroes elected to county committees. We have never gotten a Negro elected to the County Committee. It is believed, however, that we will get Negroes on several county committees in 1967. The interest in ASCS election as compared with last year has improved over 50% . There are 399 ASCS Administrative Communities in South Carolina.

Organization Used for Contact

In each area we used the County-wide organization for contacting people in the designated ASCS communities. Most of the counties had been previously organized by our our RAP representative.

Problems Discovered

1. One problem common to all communities was the lack of information about the ASCS elections. Neither the extention service not the ASCS Local Office had informed Negro farm operators about how to prepare for and participate in the ASCS elections.

2. Negro operators had never been informed that over 30 counties in South Carolina have from 35 to 75% of the total farm operators in each county.

3. In many ASCS Local Offices, the yield per acre for Negro farm operators is reported lower than it really is in order to reduce the diversion cotton crop payments.

4. It was found that some local ASCS offices were holding up their diversion crop payment checks to Negroes until they pay their fertilizer bill. This was being done without the producers consent in many instances.

RELATIONS WITH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND MDTA

The RAP representative should have a close relationship with the State Employment Service. It has local offices usually located for the convenience of all working persons. This service keeps a very accurate record of the State Labor Market. They have monthly reports on the status of the total labor force and employment. They also keep a monthly record of unemployment as a percent of the total labor force. They keep average earnings and hours in manufacturing on a weekly basis. The average hour earnings are also kept. They are always ready to receive applications for employment.

The RAP representative should keep in constant touch with the Employment Service. He should refer all unemployed persons to the nearest office. He should tell them to not only ask for a job but ask for the opportunity to get training which will prepare them for a job. Every RAP representative should be on the mailing list of the Employment Security Commission in order to receive their monthly reports on the labor market and their letters on MDTA projects on training opportunities.

In some states the MDTA coordinator is located in the State Employment office with the local assistance in each local office. The RAP representative can be of service to the MDTA coordinator by sending to him names of local community leaders who will help recruit unemployed persons who are interested in being trained in some occupation that offers employment. If MDTA projects have not been developed in an area where there is need for such development the RAP representative should call this need to the attention of the

MDTA Coordinator. It is better, of course, to have committee of persons from the area of need to make the request for job training. opportunities.

All MDTA training is paid for by the Federal Government. The Government is anxious to have this training established in all areas of need. This MDTA training can be established for youths 16-21 as well as for adults. All heads of families and youths (17-21) get paid weekly while they are being trained. MDTA - Letter No. 180 is an example of helpful cooperation.

RESULTS OF THE ASCS ELECTIONS
FOR NEGROES BY COUNTIES

County	*Com. C.	*N.P.	*R.C.	*CHR.	V. CHR.	*ALT.	N. P. *RC.	N. P. *ALT.
Aiken	15	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Allendale	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Beaufort	6	0	6	3	2	10	0	0
Berkeley	5	1	1	0	1	5	0	0
Clarendon	9	12	2	1	0	1	0	0
Dorchester	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fairfield	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Georgetown	5	0,	0	0	0	2	0	0
Greenville	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Jasper	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kershaw	8	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lee	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orangeburg	20	12	0	0	0	1	0	0
Richland	8	0	3	1	1	6	0	0
Williamsburg	13	33	9	3	3	6	5	4
Totals	132	63	21	8	7	39	5	4

* N.P. -- Nomination By Petition
R.C. -- Regular Community Committeemen
CHR. -- Chairman (Community)
V. CHR. -- Vice Chairman (Community)
ALT. -- Alternate
COM. C. -- Community Committees

SOUTH CAROLINA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE
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Columbia, S. C. 29202

September 7, 1966

MDTA Letter No. 180

TO: Local Office Managers
YOC Directors
Field Supervisors

FROM: D. L. McLeod, Jr.
Acting ES Director

SUBJECT: Project Guide and Project Development

We have finalized starting dates of our first group of MDTA projects approved by the review team on August 24, 1966.

Attached are copies of the project guide. If you have trainees in your area who are interested in enrolling in any of the various projects, please communicate with the MDTA Coordinator of the local office where the training is scheduled to be conducted.

If there are any changes in the assigned starting dates, please notify this office, attention: MDTA Coordinator.

We are planning another review team meeting in the near future. We are attaching a list of projects currently in the development stage for approval at this review team meeting. Some local offices have furnished us information about placement of graduates of previous projects. We are requesting that the local offices who have tenatative projects listed for which this information has not been furnished provide it to us by September 16, 1966. Please refer to MDTA Handbook, Chapter III, Part VII D and E, pages 25, 26, and 27.

If you have questions, kindly advise.

D L McLeod Jr

D. L. McLeod, Jr.
Acting ES Director

Attachments

September 7, 1966

MDTA Project Guide

Project No.	Local Office	Occupation	No. Trainees	No. Weeks	Starting Date	Ending Date
7000	Spartanburg	Presser, Machine Presser, Hand	20	15	10/10/66	1/20/67
7001	Florence	Automobile Body Repairman	20	36	10/10/66	6/16/67
7003	Charleston	Nurse Aid	20	20	9/19/66	2/3/67
7004	Greenville	Nurse Aid	20	20	9/19/66	2/3/67
7005	Greenville	Power Shovel Operator Crane Inspector	20	16	9/26/66	1/13/67
7006	Greenville	Engineering Equipment Mechanic	20	48	9/26/66	8/25/67
7007	Columbia	Welder	20	36	9/19/66	5/26/67
7008	Beaufort	Nurse Aid	20	20	9/12/66	1/27/67
7009	Beaufort (Jasper)	Nurse Aid	20	20	9/19/66	2/3/67
7010	Anderson (Oconee)	Homemaker	20	26	10/10/66	4/7/67

Projects Being Developed for Next Review Meeting

Project No.	Local Office	Occupation	No. Weeks	No. Trainees	Starting Date	Ending Date
7011	Abbeville (Greenwood)	Nurse Aid	20	20	10/24/66	3/10/67
7012	Anderson	Ward Clerk	36	20	10/24/66	6/30/67
7013	"	Nurse Aid	20	20	10/31/66	3/17/67
7014	Beaufort (Jasper)	Homemaker	26	20	10/24/66	4/21/67
7015	Charleston YOC	Clerk, General Office	36	20	10/31/66	7/7/67
7016	"	Nurse Aid	20	20	10/24/66	3/10/67
7017	"	Welder	36	20	10/17/66	6/23/67
7018	Columbia SS	Nurse Aid	16	20	10/24/66	2/10/67
7019	Columbia YOC	Nurse Aid	16	20	11/7/66	2/24/67
7020	Conway	Machine Tool Operator	30	20	10/31/66	5/26/67
7021	Greenville	Ward Clerk	36	20	10/24/66	6/30/67
7022	"	Clerk-Stenographer	48	20	10/31/66	9/29/67
7023	"	Instrument Repairman	36	20	11/7/66	7/14/67
7024	Hampton	All-Around Farm Machinery Operator (2 Sections)	16	40	11/7/66	2/24/67
RAR	Marion	All-Around Farm Machinery Operator (Marion)	16	20	10/24/66	2/10/67
RAR		All-Around Farm Machinery Operator (Dillon)	16	20	10/31/66	2/17/67
7025	Newberry	Nurse Aid	20	20	10/31/66	3/17/67
7026	Spartanburg	Ward Clerk	36	20	10/24/66	6/30/67
7027	Conway	All-Around Farm Machinery Operator	16	20	10/24/66	2/10/67

S.C. - R.A.P.

To: Jac Wasserman, Field Director

From: L. S. James, Field Representative of S. C.

Subject: Report of Activities October 11-20, 1966

Tuesday, October 11, 1966 -- Saw the FHA supervisor about homes that are being built for low income persons in the Ellores district or Orangeburg County. I discovered that six homes have been practically finished and pictures of these homes will be available for our quarterly report.

Wednesday, October 12, 1966 -- Held a meeting in Darlington, South Carolina with farmers and leaders and made plans for a more centralized location for this group meeting so that more of the grassroot people and farm operators can be present from Lee County and Darlington County. Rev. McTeer from Lee County reported that he has a group ready to organize a credit union. Time for special meeting will be agreed upon.

There is a growing interest in diversified crop farming in this area. Cotton and tobacco are their main crops offering income to take care of living expenses.

Thursday, October 13, 1966 -- I attended the monthly board meeting of the South Carolina Commission for Farm Workers on my way to Marion. The South Carolina Commission on Farm Workers have not found a director as yet, they are hoping to assign a person to direct persons at the next monthly meeting in November. No class for seasonal farm workers has started as yet. However, they have a staff of workers in Charleston and Sumter, South Carolina. A copy of the minutes for this meeting is attached, The regular monthly meeting was held at Marion this same evening. A group of persons were informed how to organize for self-help housing programs, others were also informed how to apply for individual housing for low income families.

Mr. James Hodge, Field Representative for the Marion Economic Opportunity Board, was present for this meeting and rendered excellent leadership. He is the accepted community leader in this area and will be responsible for holding monthly meetings when they change to the bi-monthly plan for these group meetings.

Friday, October 14, 1966 -- Held a regular monthly meeting at Lake City to which representatives come from Williamsburg and Florence Counties. In this meeting, some problems were revealed. Some industries in the area have a rule that Negro women with five children, even though four are of school age are not eligible to work in the plants; although white women with five children do get jobs and they hire Negroes to take care of their homes and pay them from $15 to $18 a week while they make $75 a week in the plants and their husbands earn much more in other businesses.

There seems to be several instances of discrimination in hiring in the plants in this area. One young lady was told that she was eligible both by the employment service office and by the plant but she has been refused a job by delay; every time she was called in for an interview although whites are being hired. These cases are being reported to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Monday, October 17, 1966 -- The Bamberg County Improvement Association in the regular monthly meeting at the Honey Ford Baptist Church, problems centered around the inactivity of the staff of the Economic Opportunity Commission for Bamberg, Barnwell, Hampton, and Allendale counties. I have just been told that their funds are being held up because the poor is not properly represented on the board. None of their projects have been funded. I helped to explain the reason for the delay of funds and got their promise to sponsor a credit union for the community; just as they have supported the cooperative supermarket grocery store in Denmark of Bamberg county.

Wednesday, October 19, 1966 -- Held a regular meeting in Cross, South Carolina where the farmers are getting satisfying answers to their request from the ASCS county committee relative to their low crop rating in cotton production. All of them are getting a revised crop rating which is in accord with the records with the records that they have from the gin where they take their cotton. They are planning to set up a credit union and several cooperatives for borrowing money from FHA for buying machinery.

Thursday, October 18 & 20, 1966 -- My contact in Calhoun and Orangeburg county reveal that many seasonal farm workers are without income during this season. They are anxious to see their program start for seasonal farm workers under Title III-B. Their latest report from the State employment office shows that 45,900 seasonal farm workers have been laid off since October 15. We are hoping to get this program funded in the near future. A letter just received from people in the community of Springfield, South Carolina indicates that there is new interest in what we are trying to do for them. A copy of this letter is attached.

Route 1, Box 96
Springfield, S. C.
October 19, 1966

Mr. L. S. James
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mr. James:

Your September seventeenth appearance here is Springfield, S. C. has given the people a new sense of dignity as well as a new outlook on life in general. Your appearance was a psychological victory for the people living here. For instance, word got out that you were coming on October 7, and the Masonic Hall was filled with people. We cannot thank you enough for having changed this community from an apathetic community into an active one.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to your coming back on October 28, 1966. The meeting has been schedule for 8:00 in the Masonic Hall which is located in Springfield, S. C.

Please notify us if there are changes that will prevent you from being with us. Your coming back has been well publicized.

Thank you very kindly for your thoughtfulness and helpfulness in this vital matter.

Sincerely yours,

Alvin and A. K. James

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR FARM WORKERS, INC.
116 Broad Street
Charleston, S. C.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR FARM WORKERS, INC.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boliek at 3:00 p.m. on October 13, 1966 in the public meeting room of the National Bank at Sumter, South Carolina.

1. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTOR: Father Kaney gave an extensive and comprehensive report on Donald E. Mitchell and presented his name for the position o Director of the Commission. Miss Sampson moved that the data be received as information and that additional recruitment be undertaken. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. Extended discussion followed, with the principal views being summarized as follows:

Father Kaney--Mr. Mitchell was qualified, had been interviewed inc Charleston (he lives in Iowa) by Father Kaney and the Chairman (Mr. Archibald while not a Board member also met and conferred at length with him) and had been offered the position since it was felt that he would also be acceptable to OEO who reserved the right to pass on the contemplated Director; that failure to take action at this time would constitute a breach of good faith.

Miss Sampson -- The Board had not specifically authorized Father Kaney or the Chairman to extend a firm offer to anyone and further search would perhaps reveal someone whose qualifications exceeded those of Mr. Mitchell.

Rev. Randall--Prior to appointing anyone the Board should take into consideration the work already accomplished by the Deputy Director and the fact that he had originally left his previous job for the Directorship and re-consider him for the position.

Various members of the Board spoke in favor of Miss Sampson's views and she in turn acknowledged the validity of Rev. Randall's position. Father Kaney said he was not criticizing the Deputy Director either personally or professionally, however OEO refused to confirm him earlier for the position of Director.

The Deputy Director-- Thanked the Board members who had spoken in his behalf; stated he would not accept the job under any circumstances in view of (1) previous denial of approval by OEO and (2) discussion held this afternoon. Requested all members to consider

Miss Sampson's motion without regard to thoughts of advancing his candidacy said he felt he could work with whomever the Board selected provided that the job was filled by the best available candidatee

The Chairman called for a vote and Miss Sampson's motion carred nine to three.

2. APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mrs. Kalish made a motion to have ready for consideration at the next regular meeting several names for the position of Director. Mr. James suggested a personnel committee would be the best means of accomplishing this. Mrs. Kalish agreed and so amended her motion, which was then seconded by Mr. James. Discussion was brief and the motion carried nine to zero, with one abstention. After consulting with the Board rather informally, the Chairman appointed Father Kaney Miss Sampson, and Mr. Nullen to the Personnel Committee and directed that Father Kaney act as Chairman.

3. HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN. Mr. Archibald presented a proposed hospitalization plan for the Commission employees, a group plan under Blue Cross and Blue Shield. He asked the Board to contribute 75% of the cost since this was actutally the only fringe the only fringe benefit currently proposed and adequate funds were available. Father Kaney asked if funds were available for 100% contribution and upon being advised they were he made a motion that the employer pay the full cost of the plan, approximately $20 per month for married employees and $8.00 per month for single employees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and carried five to four.

S.C- RAP

To: Mr. Jac Wasserman, Director

From: L. S. James, Field Representative

Re: Report of Activities of October 17 - November 18, 1966

Monday, October 17, 1966 -- In Denmark, South Carolina, the people have organized a county-wide organization called the Bamberg County Improvement Association. This association held its special monthly meeting and requested my presence to discuss the possibility of organizing a credit union. They have planned to have representatives from the South Carolina Credit Union visit at a later date to help them set up a credit union. They are also having trouble with the Community Action Agency, because they did not have the poor properly represented on the Board of Directors. They were advised how to take proper steps to change this oversight in the organization of their CAP groups.

Wednesday, October 19, 19666- In this regular monthly meeting in Cross, South Carolina, the farmers who are interested in how to get their crop ratings brought up to standard, all of their ratings have been cut from 100 to 200 lbs. of cotton per acre. I told them that the State Executive Director said their ratings will be changed if they appeal to the local ASCS committee and submit all of the gin slips they had which show how much cotton they had ginned. Some of them had been given this information by mail before this meeting and had already been before the local ASCS Committee and had their ratings raised as much as 500 lbs. Others are planning to do the same thing after this meeting.

Wednesday, October 26, 1966 - It was necessary to have a special meeting with farmers in this area to find out if they are planning to take advantage of the opportunity to raise chicken for the Campbell Soup Company. We are hoping to get a cooperative started in this area so these farmers could borrow money to build the new modern chicken house which is required.

While I was in this area, I had a chance to check with the progress being made by three of the low-income farmers who had been refused loans and the NSF was able to help us get the cases appealed. They did finally get the loan. The three farmers in question are: Mr. Willie Canty, Mr. Columbus Cooper, and Mrs. Mamie DeChamps. In spite of the fact that they have been denied loans previously because they were considered a poor risk all of them are able to keep up the payments on their loans.

Mr. Willie Canty is doing exceptionally well. His tobacco crop this year was one of the best in the area. He raised 1500 lbs. of first class tobacco and received $1150 for it. It was enough to pay all of his operational loan for this year. His cotton allotment of 8.8 acres yielded 1½ bales per acre. He will be able to sell his tobacco for over $1200. He expects to get $700 from his soy bean crop. He helped his sister-in-law, Mrs. DeChamps by cultivating her land which yielded one bale per acre. Mr. Cooper said that he is keeping up his payment on his loan without any trouble. He is very pleased with his progress. Mr. Canty's loan amounts to $901 a year and he has been able to keep up the payments without any trouble.

Thursday, October 28,1966 - This group in Springfield, South Carolina is a newly organized community. They are interested in better housing and credit unions. I explained to them how to prepare to organize a credit union, also I explained carefully how to get the opportunity to build low-cost housing under the FHA. Some of them are interested in setting up a cooperative association for buying farm machinery. It was explained to them how this could be done too.

November 8, 1966 - I appeared in Atlanta, Georgia to testify before the United States Commission on Food and Fiber. Copies of the written report have been sent to your office; however, here is a copy of the clipping from our State paper in Columbia, South Carolina.

Thursday, November 10, 1966 - Held a regular monthly meeting with the group in Marion, South Carolina, discussed with them what they were most anxious to learn about, the possibility of getting low-cost housing for low-income people. This plan was carefully explained to them. They were apprised of the fact that they would have to begin by requesting loans from the local FHA office in their county. Many of them decided that they would go immediately and make such a request. Their interest in low-cost housing is significant in this community because there are so many people who make less than $2000 a year and they are interested in being able to live in better homes. This meeting has started the people from low-income groups to seek help in order to help themselves.

Friday, November 11, 1966 - We held a very interesting meeting in Lake City with the newly organized group representing the low-income people from various parts of the county of Florence. These people are becoming interested in getting more opportunities in employment in the new industry groups which are coming into their county. Many of them have been given jobs but there are many others who are prepared that should have jobs and some who need training to become qualified for the jobs. In this meeting, a careful interpretation was given of Project T-Square which would help to furnish training for all persons in the community who are interested in becoming prepared to enter into higher level jobs.

Wednesday, November 16, 1966 - Held a meeting with groups in Holly Hill relative to the setting up of the programs for VISTA workers. We areplanning to institute programs in three areas of our State outside of Columbia for VISTA workers. We are planning to put two in Holly Hill, two in St. George and two in Ridgeland in Jasper county. Opportunity for the use of VISTAs have finally come.

This same evening we held a meeting in Cross, South Carolina with some of the leaders and brought out that all of the farmers who had crop production rating produced had gotton an increase in their rating anywhere from 100 to 500 lbs. per acre.

Columbia State 11-10-66

U.S. Committee Told Planned Rural Poverty Fight Needed

Special To The State

ATLANTA —The problems of poverty among tenant farmers, migrant labor, allotments surpluses and the population explosion, must be attacked by overall planning, rather than piecemeal programs, the President's Commission on Food and Fiber was told here Wednesday.

Rural life as a whole must be given attention, Billie Fleming, Manning, S. C., NAACP official, told the committee in a hearing on rural poverty.

If as much time and attention had been given to rural people as to commodities, he said, many of today's problems will already be solved.

He and other witnesses cited racial discrimination as an important factor in rural poverty in the South, but one North Carolina witness also said the South was discriminated against in favor of Western regions.

F. H. Heidelberg, executive vice president of the Upland Cotton Growers' Association, complained that federal land reclamation programs provide a tax-paid subsidy for Western farmers to put large areas into cotton production. He said use of federally-supplied water to make desert areas into cotton farms is extended to large corporations owning thousands of acres.

Originally, reclamation lands were limited to settlers with not more than 160 acres, but he cited corporations with over 37,00 0acres.

He said cheap water subsidies gave Western farmers a competitive advantage over Southern rain-grown cotton farmers, who get no help with weevil and fertilizer problems.

Heidelberg asserted that within the next few months, new strains of cotton will be widely introduced by Southern state universities and experiment stations that can compete in quality with Western varieties.

Other witnesses concentrat-

(See POVERTY, 12-B, Col. 1)

Poverty Plan Sought

(Continued from 1-B)

ed on poverty, particularly of tenant farmers, sharecroppers and farmers with small holdings.

George Esser Jr., executive director of the North Carolina Fund, a non-profit corporation created at the request of Gov. Terry Sanford to combat poverty in North Carolina, stressed the necessity of looking at rural problems as a whole.

Only one rural resident in four live on a farm, he pointed out. He advocated an overall look at gearing training programs, not only to farm needs, but to shifts to non-farm jobs. Consideration should be given to whether a trainee should be helped to move elsewhere or given better housing opportunities where he is.

Esser said that while whites generally found other jobs to compensate for the dramatic decline in agricultural employment, the total number of jobs available for non-whites in his state had declined in 10 years.

Leonidas S. James, field representative for the Rural Advancement Project of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations told the commission that Negro farmers need assistance in diversifying. They are too dependent on crops which are subject to restrictions and few federal benefits, he said, and are less profitable than livestock and truck farming operations.

James said that in one South Carolina county, Negroes cannot buy land at all, and in many others, any expansion is restricted. Negro farms in the South average only 52 acres, compared to 249 acres for whites.

One witness, Carroll Lamb, chief of the market promotion expansion section of the Florida Department of Agriculture, said family farms in his state were already "a thing of the past."

In Florida, the problem is getting seasonal labor for "industrialized farming operations." He appealed for greater understanding of Florida's need for importing labor from the Caribbean.

One commissioner asked him why grower groups had not supported legislation to provide national pools of voluntary seasonal labor, recruited from other states with high unemployment in rural areas during the off-season, when Florida needs labor.

Lamb said, "It didn't work last year," though he admitted the newness of recruiting domestic labor in certain commodities might have been the problem.

Several witnesses Wednesday urged depth study of future needs in agriculture as population caught up with and surpassed surpluses.

VOTE YES

ON COTTON RESEARCH AND PROMOTION DEC. 5-9

Because:

- ★ Higher-priced synthetics are taking our markets—over 2 million bales in last 2 years.
- ★ New synthetic fiber plants are scheduled; additional manufacturing capacity equal to another 3.5 million bales of cotton by end of 1967.
- ★ Carryover is at all-time high; acreage lowest since 1872.
- ★ 1966 acreage cut averaged 30%; further cuts will come unless carryover is reduced.
- ★ Research odds (5 to 1) and promotion odds (16 to 1) must be reduced if cotton is to survive.
- ★ Farmers originated research and promotion proposal; farmers will run it.
- ★ Plan is voluntary; any farmer not wishing to participate can get a refund.
- ★ 42 cotton producer organizations have endorsed this approach—officially.
- ★ All projects must be initiated and administered by producer trustees elected by cotton producer organizations.
- ★ If we want to keep on growing cotton, we must sell more cotton.
- ★ Most farmers put nearly $100 or more into growing, harvesting, and ginning a bale; can you afford not to spend $1 to sell a bale?

VOTING DETAILS

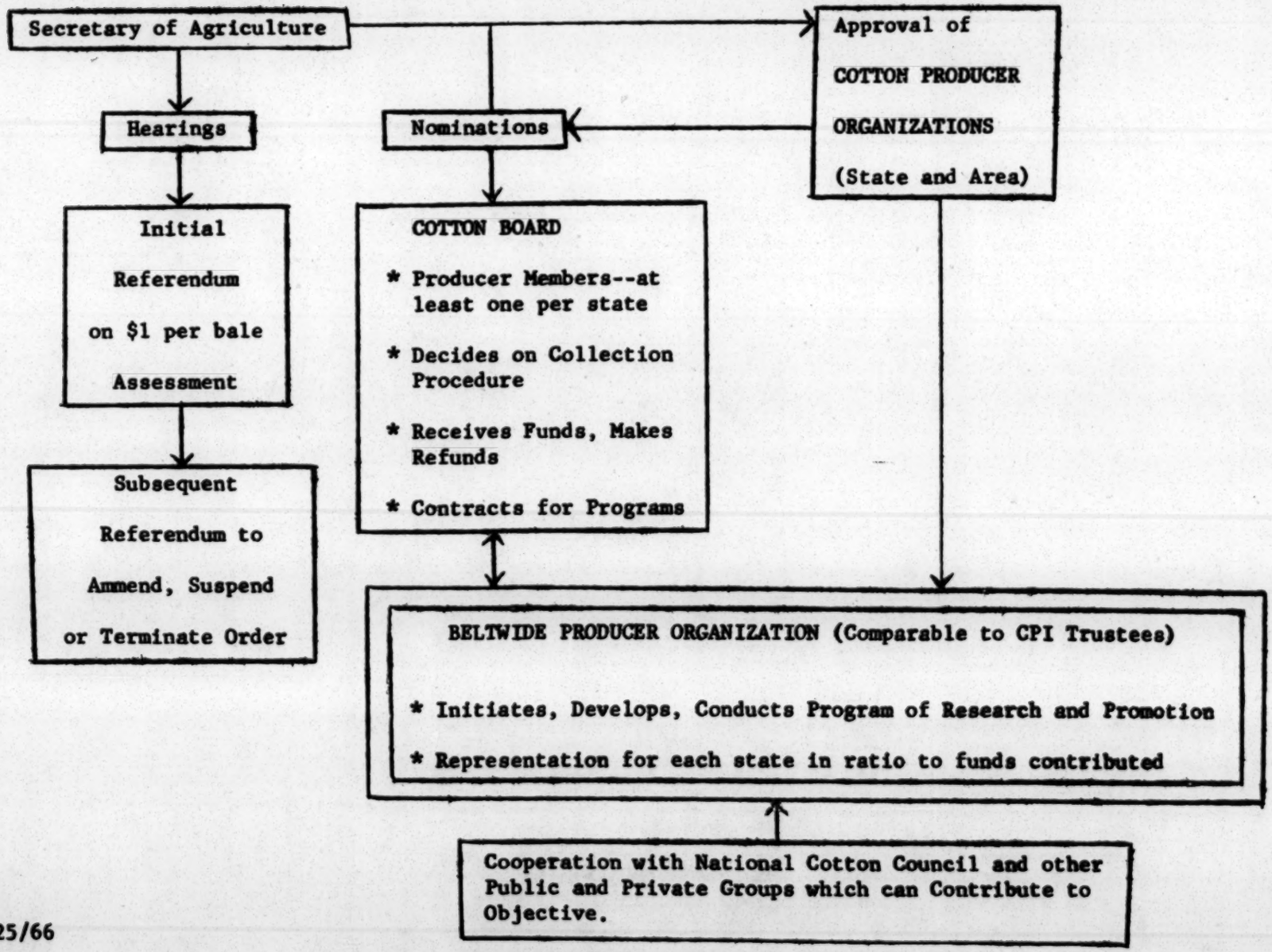
1. Check YES box on your ballot. (See example at right.)
2. Sign name on ballot.
3. Place ballot in self-addressed return envelope provided, sign name on outside of this envelope, and mail by December 9.

Do you favor the Upland Cotton Research and Promotion Order?

YES ☑ NO ☐

Place (√) mark in square to show your preference.

COTTON RESEARCH AND PROMOTION ACT



5/25/66

Questions and Answers about the COTTON RESEARCH AND PROMOTION ACT

(Prepared by the National Cotton Council)

Q. What is the Cotton Research and Promotion Act?

A. It is an act of Congress to enable cotton farmers to establish for themselves a self-help program of research and promotion to expand markets for cotton products.

Q. How does the act provide that cotton farmers go about this?

A. By voting in a Beltwide referendum on whether or not they want such a program and are willing to pay $1 a bale for its support. Before the program can go into effect, it must be approved by either: (1) two-thirds of the farmers voting, or (2) a majority of producers voting who also produce two-thirds of the cotton represented in the referendum.

Q. Why is such an act necessary?

A. Because the 500,000 independent farmers who produce cotton fiber cannot possibly hold their domestic markets against the controlled power of 14 mammoth industrial corporations who produce synthetic fibers, UNLESS they can concentrate their money and efforts through a central program to improve their products through research and sell them through intensive promotion.

Q. What is so new and urgent about all this?

A. The fact that as a result of all-out research and promotion the consumption of synthetic fibers is skyrocketing —up 48% on the cotton spinning system in January, 1966, as compared with a year earlier—while cotton's share of the market has fallen to the lowest level in history and is still moving downward. New synthetic plants with capacity equivalent to more than 3½ million additional bales of cotton are scheduled to come into production by the end of next year.

Q. Won't this whole trend be halted or reversed by cotton's new low price at more competitive levels?

A. No. A competitive price is essential in cotton's competition with rayon and foreign cotton, but the fibers now doing the greatest damage to cotton's domestic markets sell for 80¢ a pound and up.

Q. Why can't the money for a massive cotton research and promotion program be raised without an act of Congress?

A. It could be, so far as the willingness to participate on the part of cotton producers who understand the problem is concerned. But there is no practical way to contact a half million cotton farmers individually except through processors and handlers as their cotton moves to market. An all-out effort has been made for the past four years to get processors and handlers to collect the $1 per bale from farmers, but severe competition among these groups has caused the collection system to fail. One handler cannot collect unless all of his competitors are collecting. And this is exactly what the act would require, namely, that a uniform collection system would be established under which $1 per bale would be collected from the producer on each bale of cotton and sent to the Cotton Board.

Q. What happens, under the act, if a farmer does NOT want to participate?

A. His money is refunded without argument. He may apply for a refund at any time up to 90 days after the assessment, and his money will be refunded within 60 days after that. What this means, in effect, is that each farmer has his own individual referendum, the outcome of which is determined solely by his own decision to request or not to request a refund.

Q. Who will spend the money?

A. A group of trustees composed exclusively of cotton farmers who are elected by cotton producer organizations in the various cotton states will have full responsibility for developing and carrying out the research and promotion program.

Q. Is the rate of $1 per bale definitely established in the act?

A. It is, and the rate may not be changed except by an act of Congress and additional approval in another referendum.

Q. Is the payment made directly by the farmers to the trustees?

A. No. The $1 per bale is collected by a cotton handler and turned over to a Cotton Board which will be named by the Secretary of Agriculture from a list of nominees chosen by cotton producer organizations. The Cotton Board in turn will contract with the producer-elected trustees for its expenditure.

Q. Who will the "handler" be?

A. This will be determined by the Cotton Board after it considers which method of collection will be best in the various sections of the Cotton Belt.

Q. Does this bill give the Secretary of Agriculture any broad or unusual authority over the program?

A. No. The government has certain responsibilities in carrying out the provisions of the act. Since cotton is an agricultural commodity, the Secretary of Agriculture is designated as the government's representative to discharge these responsibilities. The Secretary is not given any authority or discretion that he does not reasonably need to meet the requirements of the act. In fact, much less discretion and authority is given to the Secretary under this proposed cotton program than under similar programs for any of the other commodities.

Q. Is there any danger that funds raised under the act, or any portion of them, might be used to influence legislation, or for other political purposes?

A. No. This is specifically prohibited by the act itself.

Q. Can the program be eliminated later on if cotton farmers should so desire?

A. Yes. On petition of 10% of the number of cotton farmers voting in the original referendum, another referendum must be held, at which time a simple majority of those voting, and producing more than 50% of the volume represented by those voting, can terminate the program. Even without a petition, the Secretary of Agriculture may call for another referendum at any time he considers it desirable.

Q. What happens if the initial referendum does not carry?

A. At best, cotton will be left with virtually no sales program at all, and with only the amount of research that may be financed and carried out by government agencies. Key supporters of the Cotton Producers Institute already have made it known that they cannot hold that important program together without a uniform collection system such as that provided in the act.

At worst, defeat could bring the total collapse of industry-wide effort in the two fields—cotton research and promotion—which hold the one great hope for cotton's future progress.

Cotton's carryover on August 1 was estimated at 16.7 million bales—the highest in history. It is currently out-promoted at a ratio of 16 to 1 and out-researched 6 to 1. What happens to cotton is going to be decided—in a free and clear referendum—by those who produce it.

S.C. - R.A.P.

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MEMO

To: L. S. James

From: Jac Wasserman

I have just received a compilation of the total number of applications received for various types of FHA loans during the year 1965. It also includes the total number of loans made during this same period.

I find the statistics almost unbelievable for the sixteen southern states reported on.

The following figures are given for the state of South Carolina.

	Applications received from Negroes		granted
Operating loans.....	598	.....	399
Farm Ownership loans....	224	.....	45
Soil and water loans....	2	.....	0
Rural housing loans.....	482	.....	105
EO loans.....	521	.....	219
Emergency loans.....	835	.....	633

There were a total of 19,602 Negro farm operators in South Carolina in 1964, of which 10,947 were full and part owners, and 8,655 were tenants. The statistics do not reveal how many of the tenants were sharecroppers. Knowing what we do about the economic plight of most Negro farmers, it is incomprehensible to me that there were so few Negro farmers in South Carolina that made applications for the various types of FHA loans.

Two explanations occur to me.

1. Many farmers who inquired about loans were turned away by the FHA County Supervisor without making formal application. We have previously run into this situation, but FHA has issued instructions to its offices that all farmers who apply for a loan should be requested to fill out an application, regardless of whether "there are no funds available at present," or whether the County Supervisor believes "that they are not eligible." It is quite possible that many farmers were discouraged from filing formal application for loans for the above reasons. Naturally, if so few farmers filed applications, and those that did file were screened for eligibility -- that would account for the high percentage of loans granted Negro farmers who filed applications.

2. The other explanation is that there are still a great many Negro farmers who use conventional banking facilities for their operating and other loans, rather than FHA. Or is it that their previous experiences with FHA have discouraged them from applying?

In any case, it would appear to me that it is necessary for us to find out the reason for the small number of applications filed and to intensify our efforts to have Negro farmers apply and file applications to FHA for whatever assistance they require.

If you have any facts or theories to explain this phenomenon, please share them with me.

S.C.; RAP.

ASCS ELECTION MANUAL

This pamphlet is a suggested plan for organizing an ASCS election campaign. It is based on experience from 1964 and 1965 in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and North Carolina. You may want to do things differently but these basic ideas should help you to have a WINNING campaign.

FIRST

The first thing to do is form an election committee in your ASCS community. This committee should be made up of farmers in your ASCS community. It is important to remember that ASCS communities are NOT the same as your rural or church communities. Usually the ASCS communities are larger and cover 3 or 4 rural communities. Very often the ASCS community boundary lines cut real communities in half.

THEN

After the election committee is formed, it needs to do three things:

1. The election committee should send a group to the county ASCS office to get a list of the eligible voters in your community from the ASCS rolls.

2. The committee should also ask the county ASCS office for an ASCS county map so they can know which farmers are in what community, at the time of the present election.

3. The election committee should find out when the petitions and ballots must be turned into the ASCS office, and when the ballots and sample ballots will be mailed out.

4. The election committee should also request sample ballots at this time from the ASCS County Office.

THEN

Call your first planning meeting for the whole ASCS community. The first meeting is just to get started. You should plan to hold meetings once a week in each ASCS community until the elections, starting about 6 weeks before the day the ballots are due back at the ASCS office. It is a good idea to hold these weekly meetings in different churches or schools or homes so that more people will hear about them and be able to come.

At the first meeting you should explain how important the ASCS elections are because the ASCS committees give out the extra crop allotments, measures land and determines the soil bank payments. You should explain that they are Federal elections and all farmers, large or small, white or black, owners, renters, tenants or sharecroppers are supposed to vote in these elections.

After people understand the purposes of the elections you should explain that in the past many sharecroppers, tenants, and other small farmers have been left out of the elections. Then read the list of eligible voters in your community that you got from the ASCS office to see if all the people at your meeting have their name on that list. If some people at your meeting are eligible and do not have their names on your community ASCS list, one member of the election committee should write their names down on a separate piece of paper and arrange to go with them to the ASCS County office to get their names on the eligible voters list. People who know sharecroppers and tenants who are not on the list should give their names so an investigation can be started.

Finally, at this first meeting you should ask for volunteers to work as canvassers and precinct Captains for the ASCS elections. Usually it is easiest to ask for one volunteer from each road in a community. He is responsible for contacting all the farmers on his road or on roads near where he lives. Also, it makes it easier on everyone if each Church community has one precinct Captain who helps the canvassers and who the canvassers report to. The Captain is a member of the election committee.

A second meeting should be arranged before you adjourn the first meeting. A subcommittee should be chosen to visit the ASCS County Office Manager to invite him to speak at the next meeting. They should also invite him to show slides which the United States Department of Agriculture has prepared explaining the ASCS elections. If he says he cannot come, this should be reported to the State Director of ASCS and to the National Office of ASCS.

The canvassers should be prepared to canvass each member of their district to make sure that they come to the meeting.

And, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT that the canvassers make a list of each farmer, renter, sharecropper, or tenant in their district so they can find out if people have been left off the ASCS list.

THEN AT THE SECOND MEETING

The ASCS County Office Manager will speak and explain the ASCS election, if he comes. If he does not come, somebody who is familiar with the ASCS elections should explain the elections again because you will have many new people at this second meeting.

After the elections are explained, allow a long period for questions so that everybody gets a chance to ask whatever question he has.

This is now a good time to tell people that they should be thinking about who they want to represent them on the Committee so they can nominate them at the next meeting. (It is always good to plan what you are going to do at the next meeting so people will want to come.)

THEN AT THE THIRD MEETING

You will have to begin by explaining the ASCS elections again. This is good because some people do not understand everything after hearing it only once. Everyone should be asked if he has any questions he wants to ask.

Then the group should democratically decide who they want to nominate for the elections. At this time it should be explained again that usually all the names put on the ballot by the ASCS committee were not democratically selected. The only way to make sure people on the committee do what you want is to nominate them yourselves and make sure they are elected. Then it is important to remember that no more than 5 people should be nominated by petitions because you will split your vote with more than 5 people and make sure the other man wins.

After the group has democratically decided who they want to nominate, they should get petitions signed for those people. Each petition must have at least 6 signatures of eligible voters in the ASCS community. But it is a good idea to get 12 signatures because the ASCS offices sometimes refuses to honor all of the signatures. You can make your own petition. It just needs to say something like:

> We nominate_____for ASCS committeeman for the_____community.

The petition should then be signed with the names and addresses of at least six people from the same community.

THE NEXT MEETINGS ARE VERY IMPORTANT. THIS IS WHEN YOU PLAN YOUR STRATEGY AND PRACTICE VOTING. DEPENDING ON HOW GOOD YOU DO THIS PART OF THE PLAN, YOU WILL WIN OR LOSE THE ELECTION.

AT THE FOURTH MEETING

You must do the following things:

1. Make sure that every voter knows that he should vote only for the people put on the ballot by petition. Each voter should understand that a vote for the other man means that the other man will win. You must vote only for those people nominated by you.

2. Each voter should also understand that if you have less than 5 of your own people on the ballot by petition, you should vote for only your own candidates. You do not have to vote for 5 candidates. If you have only placed 2 candidates on the ballot by petition, you should vote only for them.

3. The best way to make sure that everybody in your community knows exactly how to vote and whom to vote for is to have them practice voting at your 4th meeting with sample ballots which you made up after seeing the sample ballots from the ASCS office.

4. Then your canvassers should be ready to go from house to house to help the people in his district practice if they did not make it to the meeting. People should fill out as many sample ballots as they need to make sure that the people know how to do it.

By now you are probably having your meetings once a week on the same night. People will be used to coming to meetings. You can announce that at the next meeting there will be more time to practice and that the final plans will be made to make sure of VICTORY.

you practice writing those names in just like you practice for the regular voting. Sometimes people spell wrong and it is harder to get them to write in names than it is to have them mark an X on the ballot.

3. Keep a record of everything you do and everything that happens. If you need to protest the election, your case is much stronger if you have a record of everything that happened. For example, it is best to have a written letter inviting the ASCS office manager to your meeting when your committee goes to invite him. If he refuses, you have proof because you kept a copy of that letter.

   You should keep a list of all things done wrong in the election. If the ASCS office manager does not have the slides to show you, you should make a note of that. If you are kept out of watching the voting you should write down who was kept out, at what time they were kept out, who kept them out, and who saw all this happen. You should note any time that any ASCS official is discourteous to you and you should report any acts of discrimination that you might suffer.

   Also you should immediately report any acts of violence or intimidation in connection with the ASCS election to the nearest FBI office and by mail to:

   Secretary of Agriculture
   United States Department of Agriculture
   Washington, D. C.

   and copies of all complaints should be sent to

   The National Sharecroppers Fund
   5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
   Atlanta, Georgia 30303

   so that the National Sharecroppers Fund can follow-up on your complaints.

REMEMBER: You can win this election if you want to.

The only thing which can stop you from winning is not working.

If you work, <u>you will win</u>.

This manual was prepared by the National Sharecroppers Fund
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Number of South Carolina Farm Operators by Counties
(Source: 1960 Census)

County	County Total	White		Non-White	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Abbeville	1044	750	71.8	294	28.2
Aiken	1692	1019	60.2	673	39.8
Allendale	447	214	47.9	233	52.1
Anderson	3209	2488	77.5	721	22.5
Bamberg	898	522	58.1	376	41.9
Barnwell	812	489	60.2	323	39.8
Beaufort	579	149	25.7	430	74.3
Berkeley	1918	715	37.3	1203	62.7
Calhoun	832	450	54.1	382	45.9
Charleston	641	373	58.2	268	41.8
Cherokee	1329	1082	81.4	247	8.6
Chester	1322	682	50.8	640	49.2
Chesterfield	2007	1498	74.6	509	25.4
Clarendon	2584	912	35.3	672	64.7
Colleton	1868	1075	57.5	793	42.5
Darlington	2547	1255	49.3	1292	50.7
Dillon	2219	1242	56.0	977	44.0
Dorchester	1360	662	48.7	698	51.3
Edgefield	1360	662	48.1	558	51.9
Fairfield	859	373	43.4	486	56.6
Florence	4583	2662	58.1	1921	41.9
Georgetown	1081	542	50.1	539	49.9

County	County Total	White		Non-White	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Greenville	2322	1962	84.5	360	5.5
Greenwood	838	604	72.1	234	27.9
Hampton	826	503	60.9	223	39.1
Horry	4988	4028	80.8	960	19.2
Jasper	570	217	38.1	353	61.9
Kershaw	1168	678	58.0	490	42.0
Lancaster	1234	912	73.9	322	26.1
Laurens	1564	1042	66.6	522	33.4
Lee	1693	616	36.4	1977	63.6
Lexington	1800	1641	91.2	159	8.8
McCormick	398	180	45.2	218	54.8
Marion	2071	1010	48.8	1061	51.2
Marlboro	1246	614	49.3	632	50.7
Newberry	1400	1072	76.6	328	23.4
Oconee	1607	1460	90.9	247	9.1
Orangeburg	3415	1660	48.6	1755	51.4
Pickens	1378	1333	96.7	45	3.3
Richland	1167	647	55.4	520	44.6
Saluda	1278	1002	78.4	276	21.6
Spartanburg	3108	2586	83.2	622	16.8
Sumter	2259	692	30.6	1567	69.4
Union	846	531	62.8	315	37.2
Williamsburg	4292	1395	32.5	2897	67.5
York	1796	1158	64.5	648	35.5

Federal-Programs With Aid for Farmers and Non-Farm Rural People

I. Federal Extension Service: Smith-Lever Act Created Cooperative "ES" with County Agents.

A. Activities of County Agents

1. Visiting farms and advising individual farmers
2. Organizing and serving 4-H and home demonstration clubs as well as associations and cooperatives
3. Arranging farmer's classes and lectures by specialists
4. Assisting in community development committees
5. Keeping farmers informed on Federal Dept. programs

II. Three Direct Federal Programs of Assistance to Farmers

A. Help provide by "Soil Conservation Service"

1. Helping low-income families improce their economic position through sound conservation treatment of their land
2. Providing technical assistance to district cooperators. Watershed groups, treatment to conserve soil and water and damages resulting from mismanagement and floods.
3. Works thru organized soil conservation districts; each governed by a local board of supervisors; somposed five persons; two appointed by the State Conservation agency and other three elected under state law.

B. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) is most important agency of the Department of Agriculture especially for Farmers in the south who depend on alloted crops such as cotton, tobacco and peanuts. All employees even the farm fieldmen are hired by the Federal government.

1. 92% of Negro farmers grow these crops.
2. The local county committee has the following duties.
   a. making decisions on the size of a farmer's allotment
   b. adjusting program benefits between landlords and tenants
   c. answering appeals of farmers objecting cuts in allotments
   d. hiring county staff for ASC office; all staff members are locally selected and not subject to the merit system or Civil Service; they are given retirement and insurance benefits which Federal employee receive; and they are covered by non-discriminatory requirements
   e. State committees for ASCS are appointed by the secretary of Agriculture
   f. County committees are selected by elected community committee men
   g. The ASCS also promotes participation in the agricultural conservation program. ACP is a cost sharing grant program to assist farmers in developing needed conservation practices; a cooperative effort with the Soil Conservation Service-$212 million was divided among 1.2 million participants in 1962. 75% of these new participants in this program in 1962 were Negroes.

III. Farmers Home Administration is a Federal Loan Program for farmers and Rural People:

1. It is administed by the State Director with the assistance of a State committee appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and local county committees appointed by the State Director himself.
2. The program is one of loans to farmers together with technical assistance to "help family farmers acquire the resources needed for successful operation that will bring these families up the economic ladder."

IV. How to apply for loans under EOA

1. See pamphlet entitled "Opportunity Loans for Rural Families with Small Incomes."
   a. Primary purpose of loans-to increase the borrower's income. (see examples on pages 2 & 3 of pamphlet)
   b. Loans are made by the Farmers Home Administration up to $2500 per farmer. (Rate of interest 4 1/8% with 15 years to repay)
   c. Farmers organized in cooperatives can borrow up to $30,000. (Rate of interest and time for repayment, same as above.)

V. How to get help for irrigation

1. Help from two government agencies is available for this purpose
   a. The ASCS will provide assistance for digging a pond under its ACP Agricultural Conservation Program.
   b. The FHA will provide loans for the purchase of equipment pumps and machinery for distributing water to areas of need.
   c. Both of these agencies prefer working with groups of farmers working as a cooperative with a pooling agreement.
   d. The FHA will furnish technical assistance in helping to organize any group of farmers into a coop who wish work together to save duplication in the purchase of machinery or other heavy equipment that can be used on a cooperative basis.
   e. Farmers should first appeal for aid to the local county offices of the ASSCS and the FHA.

VI. All farmers should plan to participate in the ASCS community committeemen election. Ballots for this election are in your hands or on the way now.

1. Negroes are being listed on the ballot as nominees in the same proportion as they are to the total farmer--population in each county.
2. Nominees can also be listed on the ballot by request of any 6 eligible farmers.
3. Remember there are two significant changes in the Community elections this year.
   a. All three of the elected community committee-men will participate in the county convention where they will elect three county ASCS committee-men.
   b. The three community committee-men will be elected on staggered terms of years. 3, 2, 1
   c. Remember that 2 alternates will be elected in the community and county elections. Don't forget to mail or carry your ballot to the county ASCS office by September 13th.

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Group	Counties	Place of Meeting

Name	Address	City	County	Attendance											
				Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May

Get Upgraded!--Get Upgraded!
Age is no Barrier

Workers wanted---
New jobs being created everyday by today's triple eruption of knowledge, technology and wealth.
By 1970, stated by technical education experts one-fourth of the nations labor force will be employed in semiprofessional, technical jobs that did not exist 20 or 30 years ago.
A golden age of opportunity has opened up for those who have vision to prepare for the radical change in the character of work.
Manual work is swiftly disappearing; only one-third of working Americans labor at "production jobs"-building roads and houses, making cars and furniture, digging coal from the ground, etc.
The other two-thirds are largely in non-manual work; teaching or supervising, doctoring, selling things, or entertaining.
It is estimated that by 1970 94% of the jobs in the working world will require a high school education.
You may upgrade your education through your employer or through the educational system of your state or county. Much of this is free education for the asking.
That old adage "opportunity knocks but once" is outdated.
Today for those who want to make a go for it, especially, the young, opportunity knocks twice; first the jpb and second the training to fit the job.
Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!-----Semiprofessional, clerical, technical, sales, semiskilled, skilled.
Upgrade! Upgrade! Upgrade!
Enroll in a course Now! Now! Now!

SURVEY OF NEGROES IN PUBLIC LIFE

NAME OF YOUR STATE _____

1. List Negroes holding elective office on the State level in your state, (Legislative, etc.).

NAME	POSITION

2. List Negroes holding appointive offices at the State level, such as membership on Agencies, Boards, Commission, Committees, etc.

NAME	POSITION

3. List Negroes holding elective office at the local level, such as member of City Councils, County Commissions, Boards of Education, etc.

NAME	POSITION

4. List Negroes holding appointive positions at the Local level, such as Library Boards, Zoning Boards, Traffic Commissions, etc.

NAME	POSITION	CITY or COUNTY

5. List State Departments, Boards or Agencies which employ Negroes in Administration, Clerical, Supervisory or Technical positions.

6. Do Negroes hold any of the following positions in your State? (If so, list number and place)

   Judges
   Prosecuting Attorneys
   City Attorneys
   Probation Officers
   Sheriffs or Deputy Sheriffs
   State Highway Patrolmen
   Revenue Officers
   Tax Collectors
   Court Clerks or Assistants
   Baliffs
   Police Officers (Sargent or above)

7. Do Negroes hold any of the following Federal positions?

   Assistant U.S. Attorneys
   Deputy U.S. Marshalls
   Probation Officers
   Court Clerks or Assistants

8. List any other Federal positions held by Negroes in your State.

9. Any additional remarks.

College Scholarship Guide and Finanical aid Programs

Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation, Inc.) Scholorships and Loans
16 East 34th Street, New York 16, N. Y.
Scholarship Division: Mrs Justine Smadbeck, Director
Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors Deadline: March 1st.

Hattie M. Strong Foundation, Inc.) Scholarships
409 Cafritz Building
1625 Eye Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.
Apply to: Executive Secretary Deadline: August 15t.

National Scholarship Service & Fund for Negro Students
6 East 82nd Street
New York, N. Y.
Director: Mr. Richard Plaut

National College Student Foundatinn, Inc.) Scholarship Aid
122 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.
Supplementary Assistance only
Qualifications: Leadership ability, personality and scholarship

Shapiro Scholarship Fund, Inc.) Scholarships
1441 Broadway, New York City
Qulification: Open to all students on basis of applicant's scholarships and need.

Fruit of the Loom Socks Foundation, Inc.) Junior Citizenship Scholarship
Apply: 200 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.
Qualification: Open to elementary and high school students of good scholastic backgroup who show promise of potential growth and service to the community.

Board of Education Methodist Church) Scholarship & Loan
Student Loan and Scholarship Fund
801 Broadway
Nashville Tennessee
Qualification: "B" average or upper 15% of high school class.

The Danforth Foundation) Scholarship and Fellowships
835 - 8th St.
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Justinian Educational Fund) Scholarships
527 5th Avenue
New York City
Apply; Irving Levine, Chairman

Catholic Scholarships for Negroes, Inc., 254 Union Street
Springfield 5, Massachusetts
Apply: Mrs Roger L. Putnam

The Herbert Lehman Education Fund
10 Columbus Circle, Suite 2030
New York, New York 10019
Deadline for Applications:
March 31st.
Special Director: Dr. John W. Davis
Purpose: The purpose of this Fund is to aid Negroes in entering recently desegregated state Colleges and universities in the south

Government Programs of Financial Aid

National Defense Loans--Undergraduate students may borrow up to $1,000 per academic year. To be eligible students must show need for financial assistance, as computed by the College Scholarship Service Standards,, and must be capable of maintaining excellent academic progress. A C average is required.

Work-Study Program provides part-time employment for student who are from low-income families and who are in need of earnings to meet their educational expenses. The family income level varies--from $3,200-5,000 dependent upon the number of children in the family. A student who has been accepted by a college may secure through this program a full work scholarship (40 hours per week) during the summer and thus earn an appreciable amount toward expenses for the coming year.

Assistance is also coming to South Carolina under the recent Higher Educational Act. Information concerning these grants will be sent out as soon as information is available.

Compiled by
South Carolina Student Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street, Columbia S. C. 12-65

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BY-LAWS OF

THE_____COUNTY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall be chief executive officer of this Association. He shall preside over meetings of both the General Committee and the Executive Committee. He shall propose lines of action for the consideration of the General Committee and the Executive Committee. He shall direct other members of both committes in the executions of actions which they approve. He shall sign all legal papers of the Association.

Section 2. The First Vice-President shall in the absence of or disability of the President, preside and perform the duties of the President. Vice Presidents shall perform such other duties as the Executive Committee shall prescribe.

Section 3. The Secretary shall: keep minutes of meetings of the General Committee and Executive Committee; submit to the annual meeting of the Association a report of the current year's business; send notices of meetings to members; have custody of all records of the Association; and perform such duties as may be required of him by the Executive Committee which may delegate some of the duties of the secretary to an employee or employees of the Association.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Association; receive and process all correspondence pertaining to financial matters of the Association; prepare a treasurer's report for the annual meeting of the Association; and supply the Executive Committee with all the information pertaining to financial matters need to carry out the business of the Association. The Executive Committee may delegate some of duties of the treasurer to an employee or employees if the Association. the

Section 5. The Executive Committee may, at their discretion, appoint or hire an Executive Secretary and/or other personnel to assist in the business of the Association. The duties and remuneration of such personnel shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE II: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. A quorum of all meetings of the Executive Committee shall be the number in attendance.

Section 2. Absenteeism. The Executive Committee shall declare a member's seat vacant after he has been absent from three sucdessive regular meetings of the Committee without proper cause as determined by the Committee.

Section 3. Impeachment. The Executive Committee may at any of its meetings cause impeachment proceedings on any officer or other member of the Executive Committee for cause and, after a hearing and upon finding of facts, declare the post vacant.

ARTICLE III: SUB-COMMITTEES

It shall be a regular procedure and requirement that all standing and special committes shall report to the Executive Committee. Any decisions which may be required concerning the work done by a Sub-Committee shall be made by the Executive Committee unless the decision making was specifically delegated to the Sub-Committee.

ARTICLE IV: AMDNEDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of a quorum of the General Committee, provied that such action has been duly announced in the notice of meeting at least one month in advance and that a complete text of the proposed amendment has been given in the notice.

These By-Laws were adopted by the incorporators and original members of the _____County Resources Development Association on the _____day of _____, 196_____.

_____ President

_____ Vice-President

_____ Secretary

_____ Treasurer

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NEEDED: ARTICLE - Re: MEMBERSHIP
ARTICLE - Re: MEETINGS

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of the
_____COUNTY RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT*ASSOCIATION

We the undersigned residents of the State of _____, for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the provisions of _____ Statutes, Chapter_____, known as the _____Act, do hereby associate ourselves together as a body corporate and adopt the following articles of incorporation:

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this association shall be the _____County Resources Development Association.

ARTICLE II:: PURPOSE

Section 1, The purpose of this Association shall be to develop and effectively coordinate the human, natural and economic resources of _____County. This Association shall endeavor to improve agricultural income, develop industry-particularly that which is related to agriculture, expand facilities for general education and technical training and provide citizens of this county with better health and recreational facilities.

Section 2. To accomplish its purposes, this non-profit Association shall have the power and authority to own, operate, manage and control and sell or assign or dispose of such facilities as may be required. It shall also have the power and authority to borrow or otherwise raise funds and to do and perform every act and thing necessary and proper to carry out the purpose set forth herein, as permitted by the non-profit act under which this association is incorporated.

Section 3. The activities of this Association shall be nonpartisan and nonsectarian. It shall take no part in, nor lend its support to the election or appointment of any candidate for public office. However, in furthering the purpose of this Association, members will freely cooperate with and seek the support of agencies of Federal, State and County Governments.

ARTICLE III: PERIOD OF INCORPORATION

The corporate period of this Association shall be perpetual, unless dissolved by at least three-fourths vote of its General Committee or by operation of law

ARTICLE IV: GENERAL COMMITTEE

Sectionl. The General Committee of this Association shall be composed of members who are reasonably representative of the geographical areas and several occupational groups of this County. There shall be no limit to the number of members the General Committee shall have. The government of this Association is vested in the General Committee.

Section 2. The charter members of the General Committee shall be elected at a public meeting called for this purpose. Half of these charter members shall be elected for a one-year term and half for a two-year term. At each subsequent election, members shall be elected for a two-year term. Any member of this committee may be re-elected for additional two-year terms. The election of members shall take place at the annual meeting of the Association.

The Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee at least one month prior to the annual meeting of the Association.

Section 3. The General Committee shall hold regular meetings quarterly.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall consist of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Association shall at its annual meeting elect Associational Officers from members of the Genreral Committee. Officers shall serve two-year terms. Officers may be re-elected for additional two-year terms. At least one month prior to the annual meeting of the Association, the Executige Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of officers. Election of officers shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers described in Article V and five other members to be elected by the Association at its annual meeting. This election shall be by ballot. Members of the Executive Committee shall serve for a two-year term; they may be re-elected for additional two-year terms.

Section 2. During the period between meetings of the General Committee, the Executive Committee shall have authority to make rules and regulations to assist in the proper and efficient operation of the affairs of the Association provided that such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with Incorporation and By-Laws of this Association.

Section 3. Vacancies oh the Executive Committee shall be filled by appointment by the General Committee. Such an appointee shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Association. At the next annual meeting following such appointment, a Committee member shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VII: SUB-COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee may appoint the following standing committees:Agriculture, Industrial Development, Education, Retail Trade, Recreation, Civic Improvements, Membership, Finance and Public Relations (including) Publicity. The executive Committee shall stipulate the duties and limitations of these standing committees.

Section 2. The Executive Committee may appoint such other special committees as they consider necessary and desirable.

Section 3. At least one member of the Executive Committee shall serve on each of the standing and special committees which are appointed.

ARTICLE VIII: BUSINESS, VOTING AND QUORUM

Section 1. The principal place of business of this Association shall be ____ _____.

Section 2. The fiscal year of this Assodiation shall begin on the first day of January and close on the last day of Dedember of each year.

Section 3. An Annual meeting of the Association shall be held at the principal place of business of the Association or at any other place in the county as may be determined by the Executive Committee. The date and hour shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Members of the General Committee shall have only one vote in the affairs of this Association.

Section 5. At the meetings of the General Committee, a quorum necessary for the transaction of business shall be those in attendance in good standing. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of the number in attendance.

Section 6. For any items not specifically covered in the Articles of incorporation and By-Laws, Roberts Rule of Order shall govern parlimentary procedure in all meetings of the General Committee, the Executive Committee and the Sub-Committees.

ARTICLE IX: FINANCING

In order to further the purposes of this Association, funds shall be derived from: Donations, Loans and Fund Raising Projects.

ARTICLE X: LIABILITIES

The private property of members, officers and managers of this corporation shall in no case be liable for the corporate debts but shall be exempt therefrom.

ARTICLE XI: STATUS

THIS Association shall not afford pecuniary gain incidentally or otherwise to its members. Only an Executive Secfetary and other hired personnel may be paid a salary. Members of the Executive Committee may be reimbursed for expenses authorized by the Executive Committee in pursuing the business of this Association. If upon dissolution, the assets of the Association are in excess of the liabilities, each excess shall be allocated as determined by the membership at its annual meeting.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDEMENTS

These Article of Incorporation may be by a two-thirds majority vote of a quorum of the General Committee, provided that such action has been duly announced in the notice of meeting at least a month in advance and that a complete text of the proposed amendment has been given in the notice.

ARTICLE XIII: MEMBERSHIP

Any person living in _____County, Township, or City may become a member of the Association by: 1)paying the membership fee, 2) working cooperative to effect the purpose of the Association.

ARTICLE XIV: MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held every _____

Section 2. Special meetings may be called when necessary by the president, the Executive Committee, or upon petition of ten members in good standing.

Section 3. Announcements of Special Meetings must be made in writing not less than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

In testimony whereof, we the incorporators have hereunto subscribed our names this _____day of _____,19____.

Witnesses	Incorporators
_____	_____
_____	_____
	_____

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT
P. O. BOX 771
AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

September 14, 1965

Dr. Francis Keppel
Mr. David Barrus
Department of Health, Education & Welfare
Office of Education
Washington, D. C. 20202

Attn: Dr. C. C. Ring

Dear Sirs:

The Aiken County Board of Education has adopted a policy of complete freedom of choice. With minor changes in order for it to be applicable for the 1965-66 school year, this plan to desegregate the public schools in the School District of Aiken County follows the suggestions as mailed to us.

In the Spring of 1965 we transferred 60 Negro students to nine previously all white schools, grades 1 - 12 were affected for the 1965-66 year. In the summer of 1965, twenty-seven Negro Students attended the previously all white high school here in Aiken. During the first 7 days of the 1965-66 school year our registration period has been open. A letter to parents (copy enclosed) and choice of school form (copy enclosed) has been sent home by every student. We have not used the mail to convey our message and do not plan to use it in future years.

No member of the staff or faculty employed for the school year 1965-66 has been demoted, discharged or not re-employed either wholly or partially on basis of race, color or national origin due to the desegregation or our schools.

The letter to parents to be used after this 1965-66 school year will follow the suggestion as mailed to us with minor changes. The Choice of School Form used in 1965-66 is to be used in the future since it meets the requirements.

Please see attachments including the new plan.

I would like to hear from you immediately.

Yours very truly,

Charles F. Kneece

Charles F. Kneece
Superintendent of Education

CFK:erm

PLAN OF DESEGREGATION

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
(Name of School System)

BOX 771
(Address)

AIKEN, AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA
(City, County, State)

I. ANNUAL FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF SCHOOLS

A. The Aiken County Board of Education has adopted a
(name of governing body of school system)
policy of complete freedom of choice to be offered annually in all grades of all schools without regard to race, color, or national origin.

B. The choice is granted to parents, guardians and persons acting as parents (hereafter called "parents") and their children. It is required that a choice of school be made for each child. Teachers, principals and other school personnel are not permitted to advise, recommend or otherwise influence which choice is made. They are not permitted to favor or penalize children because of choices.

II. PUPILS ENTERING FIRST GRADE

Registration for the first grade will take place Wednesday, September 1, 1965 from 8:00 A.M. through Friday, September 10,1965 (at) 5:00 P.M. and by May 1st annually thereafter. When registering, the parent is required to complete a Choice of School Form for the child. The child may be registered at any elementary school in this system, and the choice made may be for that school or for any other elementary school in the system.

III. PUPILS ENTERING OTHER GRADES

A. Each parent will be sent annually a letter, by the child, the text of which is attached, explaining the provisions of the plan, together with a Choice of School Form, the text of which is also attached, at least 15 days before the date when the choice form must be returned. Choice forms and letters to parents will also be readily available to parents or students and the general public in the school offices during regular business hours.*

* Attached is copy of letter to parents and choice form to be used for the 1965-66 school year only.

B. The Choice of School Form must either be mailed or brought to any school or to the superintendent's office by September 10,1965 and by May 1st annually thereafter. Anyone not registering his choice by that date must file his Choice of School Form at the time of registration when school opens. Anyone from whom a Choice of School Form is still not obtained will be assigned to the school nearest his home, where space is available after school assignments have been made in accordance with all choices submitted, but without regard to race, color or national origin.

IV. PUPILS NEWLY ENTERING SCHOOL SYSTEM OR CHANGING RESIDENCE WITHIN IT

A. Parents of children moving into the area served by this school system, or changing their residence within it, after the registration period is completed but before the opening of the school year, will have the same opportunity to choose their children's school just before school opens by obtaining from any school or from the superintendent's office a Choice of School Form and a letter to parents and by returning the completed form to any school or to the superintendent's office at any time of enrollment. First preference in choice of schools will be given to those whose Choice of School Form is returned by the final date for making choice under II B above.

B. Any child moving into the area served by this school system, or changing his residence within it, after the late registration period referred to in A above but before the next regular registration period, shall be assigned to the school chosen where space is then available without regard to race, color, or national origin.

V. RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT ATTENDANCE

This system will not accept non-resident students, nor will it make arrangements for resident students to attend schools in other school systems, where either such action would tend to preserve segregation or minimize desegregation. Any arrangement made for non-resident students to attend schools in this system, or for resident students to attend school in another system, will assure that such students will be assigned without regard to race, color, or national origin, and such arrangement will be explained fully in an attachment made a part of this plan.

VI. OVERCROWDING

A. No choice will be denied for any reason other than overcrowding and no preference will be given for prior attendance at any school. Where a school would become overcrowded if all choices to attend that school were granted, pupils will be assigned in such manner that each will have an opportunity to obtain a desegregated education. Moreover, assignments will be made, to the maximum extent feasible, so that each pupil may attend a school close to his home. Under this principle, it may be necessary, in some cases, to deny a pupil's choice to attend the nearest school to his residence and to offer him instead another choice, not involving an unreasonable travelling distance, in order to have space enough to grant another pupil's first choice for the first school where such other pupil would have to travel a lengthy distance from his residence to a school of his second choice if his first choice were not granted.

B. Anyone whose choice is denied because of overcrowding will be notified and required to make another choice from among all other schools in the system serving his grade level where space is available.

VII. TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be provided on an equal basis without segregation or other discrimination because of race, color, or national origin. The right to attend any school in the system will not be denied because of lack of school system transportation from the pupil's home to the school chosen. To the maximum extent feasible, busses will be routed so as to serve each pupil choosing any school in the system. In any event, every student eligible for bussing shall be transported to the school to which he is assigned under the provisions of this plan if his first choice is either the formerly white or the formerly Negro school nearest his residence.

VIII. SERVICES, FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

There shall be no discrimination based on race, color or national origin, with respect to any services, facilities, activities and programs sponsored by or affiliated with the schools of this school system.

IX. STAFF DESEGREGATION

A. Teacher and staff desegregation is a necessary part of school desegregation. Steps shall be taken beginning with school year 1966-67 toward elimination of segregation of teaching and staff personnel based on race, color, or national origin, including joint faculty meetings, in-service programs, workshops, other professional meetings and other steps as set forth in Attachment C.

B. The race, color, or national origin of pupils will not be a factor in the initial assignment to a particular school or within a school of teachers, administrators or other employees who serve pupils, beginning in 1966-67.

C. This school system will not demote or refuse to reemploy principals, teachers and other staff members who serve pupils, on the basis of race, color, or national origin; this includes any demotion or failure to reemploy staff members because of actual or expected loss of enrollment in a school due to desegregation.

X. PUBLICITY AND COMMUNITY PREPARATION

A. Immediately upon the acceptance of this plan by the U.S.Commissioner of Education, copies of this plan, including the letter to parents and the Choice of School Form, will be made freely available to all' persons at the superintendent's office and all schools, and will be given to all television and radio stations and all newspapers serving this area. They will be asked to give conspicuous publicity to the plan, including a description of all its provisions, with special emphasis on the right to choose for the school year 1965-66. If the plan does not receive prominent and full front page newspaper coverage, an advertisement of not less than one-half page will be conspicuously placed in the newspapers serving this area. The advertisement or other newspaper coverage will set forth the text of the plan, the letter to parents and the Choice of School Form, for use in 1965-66 only. Similar prominent notice of the substance of the choice provisions (I through VII above) will be arranged for at least once a week thereafter until the final date for making choices. In addition, meetings and conferences will be called to inform all school system staff members of, and to prepare them for, the school desegregation process, including staff desegregation. Similar meetings will be held to inform Parent-Teacher Associations and other local comminity organizations of the details of the plan, to prepare them for the changes that will take place.

B. The same steps set forth in A above will be taken annually at least three weeks before the final date set under II and III above for making choices, and conspicuous notice (other than legal notice) will again be prominently run in the newspapers serving this area for at least three consecutive weeks immediately preceding the date set under IV above. In addition, copies of the plan, including the letter to parents and the Choice of School Form, will be freely made available at all times to any person by the Superintendent's office and by all schools.

XI. CERTIFICATION

This plan of desegregation was duly adopted by Aiken County Board of Education (name of governing body and school system) at a meeting duly called and held on September 9, 1965.

Signed: Charles F. Kneece
Charles F. Kneece
Superintendent of Education

ATTACHMENTS

A. Choice of School Form (For use 1965 - 66 and future use)

B. Annual Letter to Parents

No. 1. For use 1965 - 66

No. 2. Changed for future use

C. Additional steps toward staff desegregation (Enclosed)

D. Tabular Statement as to Faculty and Staff (No faculties have mixed for 1965 - 66 a study will be made, a tabular statement is being prepared.)

E. We have no plans to promote transfers out of the district, or into the district in order to maintain a segregated school system. (Statement being prepared in answer to this section.)

F. Statement, map and legend of schools being prepared.

G. No integration during 1964 - 65 regular school year. Some integration took place as already stated during the summer of 1965.

The School District of Aiken County

Office of Superintendent
P. O. Box 771
Aiken, South Carolina

CHARLES F. KNEECE
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

REQUEST FOR ASSIGNMENT, REASSIGNMENT OR TRANSFER
September 1, 1965

Name of Pupil _____

Date of Pupil's Birth (if entering first grade) _____

Pupil's Address _____

Grade Pupil Eligible for _____

School Last Attended _____

Name of person with whom pupil resides _____

Relationship of person with whom pupil resides _____

Do you wish your child to attend the school he now attends?

_____
(Name of School)

If not, which school do you wish him to attend?

_____
(Name of School)

I have read and understand the attached notice to parents and guardians. (This request must be returned within three days after issuance to the school where issued.)

Signature _____

Address _____

Date _____

Approved: _____

The School District of Aiken County

Office of Superintendent
P. O. Box 771
Aiken, South Carolina

CHARLES F. KNEECE
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

September 1, 1965

Dear Parent:

The attached form is for you to indicate the school you wish your child to attend during the school year 1965-66. All students in the public schools of the School District of Aiken County shall have freedom of choice to attend school. Your choice may be made without regard to race, color or national origin.

In the event that the classroom facilities of a particular school become overcrowded, adjustments in classes will be made if possible, or by granting a second choice to the student. The student whose choice is denied on the grounds of overcrowding will be given ample time to make a second choice.

Please return completed blank within three days after issuance. Your choice of the school is required, be sure to fill in the pupils name and the choice of the school. No pupil may be enrolled until a choice has been made for him and no choice will be denied because of race, color or national origin.

Principals, teachers and other school personnel shall not advise, recommend, coerce or attempt to influence your decision, neither will the student be favored or penalized because of the choice made.

The right to make a choice of school will be granted every year at registration time. The time of registration and the procedure to be followed will be advertised in a newspaper of county coverage.

Yours in service,

Charles F. Kneece

Charles F. Kneece
Superintendent of Education

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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT
P.O. BOX 771
AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

Date:_____

Dear Parent:

A plan for the desegregation of our school system has been put into effect so that our schools will operate in all respects without regard to race, color, or national origin. Copies of the plan may be obtained upon request at the address above or from any school.

The desegregation plan provides that each pupil and his parent or guardian has the absolute right to choose each year the school the pupil will attend. This means that you may pick any school in our school system, no matter whether it has been in the past White or Negro, and no matter where the child went to school before. A choice is required for each child. No teacher, principal or other school official is permitted to advise you, or make recommendations or otherwise influence your decision. No child will be favored or penalized because of the choice made.

Attached is a Choice of School Form. Please write in the school you choose for your child to attend, and return the form to the school where it was issued, or the Superintendent's office by _____. No choice will be denied for any
(insert date)
reason other than overcrowding. Anyone whose choice is denied because of overcrowding will be offered his choice from all other schools in the system where space is available in his grade.

School bus routes will be on a desegregated basis, and transportation will be provided for all pupils eligible for it if a choice is made for the nearest formerly White or formerly Negro school to the child's residence. There will be no discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in any school connected services, facilities, activities and programs.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent

Additional Steps Toward Staff Desegregation

Attachment C

Below are possible steps toward faculty and staff desegregation which have been taken in other school systems and one or more of which you may deem appropriate for you system to adopt at this time. Please indicate by checking the appropriate box or boxes and attach this page to the plan when submitting it.

1. [X] All members of the supervisory staff will be assigned to serve schools, teachers and pupils without regard to race, color or national origin.

2. [X] Teachers and staff members who serve more than one school, such as librarians, music and art teachers, nurses, counselors will be assigned to serve schools, teachers and pupils without regard to race, color, or national origin. (District level under consideration.)

3. [ ] During the first semester of 1965-66, "pioneer teachers" of both races will be selected and given special preparation and, during the second semester of school year 1965-66, assigned to exchange classrooms and schools periodically.

4. [X] Institutions, agencies, organizations and individuals that refer teachers and staff to school systems in this State will, during school year 1965-66 be informed of this school system's policy of nondiscrimination in filling positions for serving pupils in this school system and they will be asked to so inform persons seeking referrals.

5. [X] In the future, there will be no requirement or request for the photograph of or racial identification of applicants for employment, reemployment or reassignment.

6. [ ] All teaching vacancies will be prominently posted in all schools and applicants will be considered without regard to race, color or national origin. (Under consideration)

7. [X] No new teacher will hereafter be employed who is not willing to work on a completely desegregated basis.

8. [ ] Other steps as follows:

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL - AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE
5 Forsyth Street, N.W., Atlanta, Ga.

SUMMER 1965 REPORT ON SCHOOL DESEGREGATION DEVELOPMENTS

SCHOOL DISTRICT (Give full name) School District of Aiken County (S.C.)

Address of Superintendent's Office 843 Edgefield ave, Aiken S.C.

NUMBER OF WHITE PUPILS IN DISTRICT 16,700 NUMBER OF NEGRO PUPILS 7,500

DOES THE DISTRICT HAVE A SCHOOL DESEGREGATION PLAN? yes

Was it ordered by a Federal Court? no If so, when? —

Was the plan submitted to the Office of Education in Washington? yes When?

Has the plan been approved by Washington? ~~no~~ If so, when? yes Oct. 1965

DESCRIPTION OF PLAN: (If possible, attach a copy of the plan.)

By what year will total desegregation be accomplished? 1965 (Freedom of choice)

How many grades will be desegregated in 1965? Which grades?

Is this a zoning plan or a freedom of choice plan? freedom of choice

What arrangements are there for the registration of first graders and other new students? first grades - by May 1
Others - where space is available - see Sec. IV

Are students in all grades permitted to transfer to get courses not offered in the segregated schools? yes

Are there provisions for the desegregation of buses? yes

Are there plans for teacher desegregation? Describe yes - '66-'67

PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE PLAN:

Were there notices in the newspaper? yes If so, how often? * once - synopsis

Did parents receive individual notices or letters about the plan and about the procedures for registration and transfer? yes - sent home with students

Did school officials meet with PTA and other groups to interpret the plan? not that I know of

If possible, attach copies of notices published in the newspaper.

* Notice will be fuller in spring. Once a week for 3 weeks - full plan.

REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND ASSIGNMENT PERIOD:

Give the dates: April 15 - May 1 How much time was there between the notice in the newspaper and the transfer or registration period?

Were there different dates for different grades? no

Were transfer forms easily available? Describe how transfer forms are secured and note whether there have been any problems. yes - sent home with students.

Was the transfer period held before the plan was approved by Washington? yes If so, was an additional transfer period scheduled? yes

HOW MANY NEGRO PUPILS APPLIED TO ENROLL IN FORMERLY ALL-WHITE SCHOOLS? 121

HOW MANY NEGRO PUPILS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO FORMERLY ALL-WHITE SCHOOLS? 121

If possible, give number assigned to each desegregated grade each grade 1-12 represented

In addition to the pupils assigned to the grades desegregated in the plan, were others assigned who had requested transfer to get special courses not available in the segregated schools? —

WERE ANY WHITE PUPILS ASSIGNED TO FORMERLY ALL-NEGRO SCHOOLS? no

WHAT ABOUT STUDENTS WHO APPLIED BUT WERE REJECTED:

What were the reasons given? (If possible attach a copy of a rejection letter.) ~~① Lived closer to Negro school~~ ~~② Could not meet educational requirements~~ (Presume low I.Q. would not fit in.) no rejections under new plan!

Were they given another opportunity to choose a desegregated school?

Were they given a hearing by school officials?

HAVE ANY NEGRO TEACHERS LOST JOBS BECAUSE OF DESEGREGATION? no

HAS THERE BEEN ANY INTIMIDATION OR REPRISALS AGAINST NEGROES WHO SEEK A DESEGREGATED EDUCATION? Describe. Note particularly whether any teachers or other school board staff have tried to persuade Negroes not to attend formerly all-white schools. yes - one child in Jackson whose father was a tenant farmer was fired and the family moved across the state line to Ga.

DO YOU KNOW OF EFFORTS ON THE PART OF LOCAL OFFICIALS TO PREPARE THE COMMUNITY FOR DESEGREGATION?

DATE OF THE OPENING OF SCHOOL FOR THE 1965-1966 TERM Sept. 1

DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY TROUBLE WHEN SCHOOLS OPEN?

IS THERE A GROUP IN THE COMMUNITY WHICH HAS BEEN WORKING TO PROMOTE SCHOOL DESEGREGATION? Please give us the name of this group and the address of the key contact person. Aiken County Council on Human Relations Mrs. J. Turnbly 827 Legare Aiken, S.C. | NAACP - Rev. A. W. Holman 111 Kershaw Aiken

ARE THERE WHITE CITIZENS WHO ARE WORKING TO PROMOTE PEACEFUL SCHOOL DESEGREGATION? ACCHR

HAVE CONCERNED CITIZENS WRITTEN TO THE U.S. COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION IN WASHINGTON TO GIVE HIM THEIR VIEWS OF THE SCHOOL DESEGREGATION PLAN?

no

HAS THE COMMUNITY BEEN VISITED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF ANY FEDERAL AGENCIES CONCERNED ABOUT SCHOOL DESEGREGATION DEVELOPMENTS: Community Relations Service, Office of Education, Department of Justice, etc.?

yes - NAACP head, Rev. Holman was contacted.

COMMENTS. We will welcome information about how citizens feel about the implementation of the desegregation plan.

Some transfers are suffering academically because of different standards in the schools, the policy of social promotion, and the lack of sufficient special education classes. "Readers" in a second grade white school may be those used in a 3rd grade Negro school. Therefore an average (over)

DATE Nov. 8, 1965

Please give us your name and address so that we may keep in touch with you. Your name will not be used without your permission. Mrs. John T. Turnbly 827 Legare Rd Aiken, S.C.

Negro student may be in serious difficulty under "freedom of choice" when he and his family make this choice not realizing the 2nd grade in one school offers different curriculum from another school. Naturally the grossest disparities are in high school. Many high school students failed English the first 6 weeks.

We are in process of completing a questionaire to the 121 students to see how they are doing - if you are interested in the results I will send them.

There is at least 1 dropout the child cannot return to the Negro school and will not continue in the integrated one.

Now can we cope with the difference in curricula? The Superintendent told me there were these differences - I do not have specific examples.

April 21, 1954

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1511 Laurel
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Sounds most interesting, and we would like to
anywhere we can.

I think the basic organization of the modern
community will be by occupational or professional
groups; but there is great need for the link-fun
tieing local groups together for over all better
I don't believe anyone can form a single organiz
that combines the flossie lady in her apartment a
the Italian fruit-store owner, but somebody shoul
hook up the President of the Italo-American fruit
society and the President of the flossies.

We count on your help in getting the S.C. Div
off to a new start.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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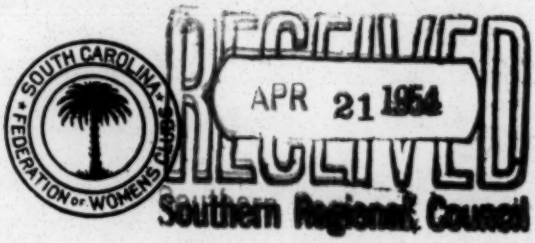
AGE (s)

South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.



Dear George Mitchell,

Think the enclosed will interest you. Our basic problem — getting movement where people live, in their communities!

Yours.

Alice N. Spearman

15-11 Laurel
Columbia, S.C.
4/19/54

P.S. Please return after you've read. A.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
Mrs.Oscar A.Ahlgren,President,
1734 N Street, N.W.,
Washington 6, D.C.

A Resume of the March 5 Meeting

To Consider a National Conference on the Community.

At the invitation of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, representatives of 46 organizations (list attached) met at ten o'clock, March 5,1954, at Headquarters, 1734 N Street, N.W., Washington,D.C., to consider how best to work together in setting up a National Conference on the Community.

Mrs.Oscar A.Ahlgren welcomed the group and said that the General Federation had long been actively interested in community development and called together these organizations also concerned about the community, to discuss informally the possibilities of a National Conference. She introduced Mrs.Theodore S.Chapman, First Vice-President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs as Chairman of the meeting.

Mrs. Chapman said she was very glad that the idea of working together on community improvement had appealed to so many different organizations. She reviewed the January 18 meeting of a small group of organization representatives and its decision to invite many additional organizations to today's meeting, the better to sound out opinion on the need for a National Conference. She hoped that a steering committee would be appointed to plan the Conference.

She said that during the past six years the General Federation of Women's Clubs had undertaken two nation-wide projects, "Build a Better Community" and "Build Freedom with Youth". In these projects the clubs learned that it is not enough to recognize what a community needs. The deciding factor in fulfilling those needs is knowing how to go about doing it. When community projects failed because the lay group lacked professional know-how, the General Federation realized the need for a clearing house of information and counsel.

Mrs.Chapman told the meeting she believes that Foundation financial support will be found for the National Conference. She then presented Dr.Max Wolff,Consultant for the Center for Human Relations Studies, New York University.

Dr.Wolff reviewed the findings of the research done by Columbia University on the wealth of case histories provided by the GFWC projects "Build a Better Community" and "Build Freedom with Youth".

It was found that participation resulted from: (1) wanting to help, (2) wanting to be welcome, (3) wanting to be effective; and that participation was limited. Young people and labor did not take part. True, young people engaged in clean-up campaigns and clothing drives --- but that is not enough. They must be partners with the adult planners and given the stature of prospective voters worthy of assuming responsibility in a community project.

It is discovered also that neither the worker nor his wife was identified among the participants. It is obvious, then, that a way must be found to include all members of the community in plans for its improvement; a way to make everyone aware not only of his rights and privileges but of his responsibility to preserve and extend them through community action.

Dr.Wolff said the idea which should permeate our thinking on this score is: how can each individual be alerted to take his part in a project, rather than what project is to be undertaken.

He joined Mrs.Chapman in hoping that out of today's liberations a National Conference would evolve--a Conference in the spring of 1955 which would be a sounding board of every community everywhere in the United States.

Dean Rosenzweig, Consultant, American Community Project, New York University, was next presented. He said, "Democracy works best in a community. If not there — where indeed?"

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He found our discussion of the community well-timed inasmuch as the Federal Government is trying to divest itself of many powers and hand them back to the community. However, we must bear in mind that three out of four people belong to no club or organization of any sort and we must stimulate in all members of a community, knowledge, concern and action about what is needed.

Briefly he touched on some of the obstacles in the way of a "Sense of community." In the suburbs, the commuter feels he is neither fish nor fowl... He should be encouraged to recognize his community status. Moreover, world problems, social problems, have preoccupied many minds of community problems. Great national issues often serve as the excuse for inertness in the community. Beside all this, in a suburban town like Levittown, Long Island, the population moves every ten years.

In the big city, every community is really a community of communities, i.e., burroughs, sections, neighborhoods. In Philadelphia there are 65 Community Councils; in Chicago, 19; in Cleveland, 25.

We may live in a city apartment and not know our neighbor for a year. Anonymity is prized in cities.

Many, many factors militate against community life in a large city. Among them are: the absence of home rule (Political machines and gangster rule flourish where people do not have the chance to see and know their public officials); racial tensions; jurisdictional conflicts (over something like the approach of a bridge); finding the money to underwrite mass media, the only effective method of communicating in large cities.

Dr.Rosecrance closed his talk with the reminder that when people are willing to relinquish to others their power of decision, we are on the way to a dictatorship.

A discussion period followed in which the distinction was made between the function of a National Conference on the Community and the present activities of national organizations like the National Advisory Committee to Citizen Participation.

Dr.Wolff said that there there was a real community organization there would be no competition between the Conference and established organizational work. What the consultants hope for is that the confusion of the average citizen will be converted into awareness and a good plan through the work of a community organization. Research has revealed that there are 35,000 communities in Illinois which either did not know about or failed to heed suggestions of their national organizations.

How shall we teach, persuade, inform the individual so that he will turn to his American Legion, PTA or Public Health group and say, "For Heaven's Sake, why don't you do something about this?"

What method shall be used to challenge him? How can we make him say "What shall I do about our school, our hospital, our traffic hazards?" How can we, consultants, leaders, workers in the community, produce a re-evaluation of "my" responsibility to improve community living; how can we bring about a community renaissance.

The morning session closed at 11:45.

About 1:30 p.m., Mrs.Chapman opened the afternoon session.

She mentioned the prospective national (government-sponsored) conferences scheduled to take place in about a year — one on Housing and the other on Public Education.

About 25 of the organizational representatives present spoke to these questions:

Shall the National Conference preside or follow local unit and State meetings?

Are we agreed on keeping the Conference in voluntary hands?

Can the Conference avoid duplicating activities of national organizations?

Is the National Conference to be just a meeting or the bridge of a continuing process to effect the participation of every member of the community in its development?

The testimony of those present widened the scope of consideration to include:

The new concept of community--city, suburb, rural area.

The difficulties in the way of engaging the average plain citizen in community action.

The necessity of persuading him to take part.

The mission of television and radio in allying the individual with his community projects.

The use of existing structures to adapt communications.

The effect of prizes as stimuli.

The application of the "know how and why" of organizational unit on the spot.

The method for reaching those numberless towns which have no local organization.

The influence of industrialization upon the community.

The need for exchanging information and pooling it.

The discussion closed with the recommendation from several members that a Steering Committee be formed at once. There were several suggestions about representation on the committee and its functions. The consultants hoped that the Steering Committee would redefine conclusions of this meeting; develop objectives and lay preliminary plans for the National Conference to present to the next meeting of this group.

It was then agreed that Drs. Wolff, Lowe and Rosecrance, conferring with Mrs. Chapman would select the members of the Steering Committee as soon as possible.

With an expression of appreciation to the General Federation of Women's Clubs for calling this meeting, it was adjourned.

Mildred H. Russell,
Secretary pro tem

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August 23, 1954

Mrs. Alice M. Spearman
1511 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I received only today official word from Dick Foster that you had been picked for the job and were willing to take it on October 1. We are all delighted and know you will do it well. I send, separately, some foundation documents which you will need to understand.

Katherine Stoney, as Secretary-Treasurer, will be writing you in further detail about the budgets, etc.

Within a few weeks time I hope we can have a day or so together and get things really straight for the new job. Meanwhile, write us of anything that perplexes you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Richard Foster
Katherine Stoney

October 7, 1954

Mrs. Alice M. Spearman
1511 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I have heard no more from you. Various of the other states are actively launching their programs on the new basis as of October 1. That includes North Carolina, Alabama, and Kentucky. Georgia and Louisiana employed some staff earlier in the Summer, but may be regarded as also fully launching their programs as of October 1. What are the plans in South Carolina?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Richard Foster

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October 11, 1954

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
3315 Colin Kelly Drive
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I have returned from Colorado, and am anxious to get to work with our Southern Regional Council program. I am available and will be very glad to meet with you and any of the other members of the Board of Directors in Columbia on any Sunday afternoon. This is the one time that would be most available for me.

I think it is very important that we all get to work immediately. Other States are moving ahead with their program, and I am sure that in every Southern State they have some of the same problems that we have. I think effective immediately that it would be wise to make weekly activity reports giving a copy to interested members of the Board of Directors and mailing a copy to the Atlanta office. It would seem that this would serve to keep both ourselves and the Atlanta office informed as to what plans we were making, what our goals were and what progress we were making towards the establishment of the working program.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Richard J. Foster

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CC: Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Exec Dir.
S.C. Div of SRC
3315 Colin Kelly Dr.
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman,

This is just a brief note to inform you of the staff meeting which will take place here in Atlanta at the central office on Nov 9-10-11. All of our state executive secretaries will be here.

It is Council policy that paid staff cannot be on the Board but we shall all sit in on the Board meeting on the 10th.

I look forward to seeing you on the 9th or if possible, I may run up your way prior to that time. Mr. Harry Jones formerly with the NCCJ is our exec dir. in N.C. and I would like to visit both of your offices.

With best personal regards,

Cordially yours,

Fred Routh

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
Program Development

October 28, 1954

Mrs. Alice M. Spearman
1511 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Welcome to the company of staff members working with state organizations affiliated with the Southern Regional Council. I am looking forward to seeing you again when you come for the staff and Board meeting November 9, 10, and 11.

This letter is to inquire whether South Carolina is far enough along in plans for completing its staff organization through one of the ways suggested in Memorandum #6, copy enclosed? We very much hope to have a staff meeting on the 9th as representative as can be of the people, both white and Negro, who will be carrying professional responsibility with state organizations, whether on a full or part-time basis. If your personnel committee has developed a list of potential "associates" or "consultants," we would very much hope that you would be able to know the person whom the committee will most probably ask to be associated with you in serving the state organizations professionally. Would you let us know whether you have in mind such a person, and whether arrangements will be sufficiently along for us to be able to invite him or her to the staff meeting on the 9th?

There are many challenging matters to consider these days! It will be good to see you and the other folks from South Carolina.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director for
Program Planning

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cc: Mr. Richard Foster

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November 1, 1954

Dictated October 29

Mrs. Alice Spearman
The South Carolina Division of
The Southern Regional Council
3315 Colin Kelly Drive
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I have been out all last week, and I am so swamped with mail that I am here at the end of this week before I get to your two letters which, goodness knows, should have been answered days ago.

Certainly the Board should alter to cover an expanded program. It does seem to me the case that Mrs. Simpkins could well be replaced, though I honor her bravery. In whatever the South Carolina group does about the Board, I hope that you will not veer too far away from a program of enforcement of the Supreme Court's decision.

I think that the American Friends Service Committee people are planning at some date to put an additional office or two into some Southern cities not yet designated. Tartt Bell, at Greensboro, will have a lot to do with this.

An item on page 7 of Memorandum #1 relates to the plan you will have for a finance committee and to plan for raising money. That isn't immediate, but when your organization has shaken down a bit, a letter of that kind should be sent to us if you will, please. Other references to the finance committee are in Memoranda #5 and #6.

I have had no wind of any method or committee for raising funds in South Carolina. I think Dick Foster has some ideas on the subject, but that is all I have heard. Probably you will have to do quite a lot of it. But, after all, in the first year you haven't got to raise a huge sum of money. If you will pull in a good bloc of members that will go a long way toward raising the money you need.

The matter of a weekly letter from you to Foster is between you and Foster. It seems to me a reasonable organizational step to take while the two of you are finding your way into the program.

As far as I know, Parrish talked with people who had been working with people who have some esteem who know the program, and he felt that they had a good base in the state, so I don't think that anything was put down.

We will send you those excerpts from Sam Freeman's report relating to his trip to North Carolina and South Carolina as soon as we can get it typed.

We get along splendidly with the American Friends Service Committee, the Southern Education Reporting Service, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Anti-Defamation League. Any of these organizations should be willing to be helpful to us.

The Highlander Folk School program is a pioneer one. I urged that some people go for the first one and I am satisfied that they profited from it. But, organizationally, I am not pressing a further link between state groups and Highlander.

On labor, I like Earl Button. There are good people in the CIO too. They have a CIO Industrial Union Council for the state, and if you would talk to the head of that, whoever he is, he could doubtless give you suitable nominees for help with the state group.

I send you, separately, a copy of the Brewer report.

In Rock Hill, what happened was that about last January I happened into the town on a day when they could organize quickly a meeting of the Rock Hill chapter of the Southern Regional Council. I told them that they ought to get local courageous Negro leadership on the school board. That evening, in a meeting of the representatives from the Mayor's office, local Methodist ministers, Maurice Shean, and myself, a plan was made for a Committee on Human Relations in Rock Hill. Further exploration was made provident by people in Rock Hill. And some twenty-odd citizens, white and Negro, were appointed by the Mayor to the committee in Rock Hill. They meet in the Council Chamber in City Hall. And, so far as I know, all have thought that quite good things were underway as a result of the Committee.

The man who helped at Anderson was Carl Pritchett. He wanted to do something like Rock Hill but didn't achieve the cooperation of the Mayor, and has set up, I believe, a Christian Committee on Human Relations. Private, church-related, but one to do some good. He has me coming over there to talk to a group the evening of December 14.

The AFL school was for the upper South and had no South Carolina people as I remember. The two or three persons from South Carolina to the CIO school were people working in the mills, and would probably not be of much direct help to you. In any case, I haven't got their names.

I don't remember anybody from the Guilford show who would be helpful.

The Williamsburg Conference report is entirely out of print. I send one to you, but you should send it back.

I send, also, separately, ten copies of our publications list.

The only thing I know of that is free is quite far back copies of New South. Anna Holden, in this office, is a sociologist and runs files on the literature in the field for us, and can generally make suggestions to people who may come to you for special help.

We haven't, ourselves, done much about listing the available literature. We intend to begin that job early next year. Meanwhile, if you can join the National Association for Intergroup Relations Officials (leaflet sent separately), they will give you some information in the NAIRO Reporter. The South Carolina members of the Board are as follows:

Dr. Ralph Barbare, Winthrop Training School, Rock Hill
Mr. A. J. Clement, Station A, Box 36, Charleston
Mr. James L. Coker, Sonoco Products, Hartsville
Mr. Richard J. Foster, Box 1325, Greenville (chairman)
Mrs. Marion Paul, 2324 Washington Street, Columbia (elected ex-officio member
Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C.O., Box 895, Rock Hill

Looking forward to your being over the 9th, 10th, and 11th.

Thanks for the personnel data on you. Very helpful.

On the business about an associate, our best advice is in Memorandum #6 and Mrs. Hamilton's recent letter to you.

When you have tentatively selected a secretary, we would like you to write us and say who she is, and then we should approve. Things seldom happen with that much time ahead, and if you can give us a chance at advance approval, do so by telephone. Phone over here WAlnut 7963 or WAlnut 1821. If you put somebody on without approval, explain to her that she is temporary until approval has been had. I think we are unlikely to turn down your choice, but pro-forma I keep the power open.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Richard J. Foster

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October 19, 1954

RECEIVED 10/25/54 Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

On Sept.9, Mr. Richard J. Foster wrote that he would not be available until sometime after October 6th or 7th. He strongly recommended that I consult Howard McClain and Claude Evans "in working out our approach to this problem". My own schedule was such that I literally did not have an opportunity to do this until I began work. My "advisers" were also hopelessly involved!

As nearly as I can learn there have been made no changes in the S.C. Division's Board of Directors since the 1950 or 1951 annual meeting and no change in officers except ~~in~~ the state chairman. McClain and Evans agreed that the Board will have to be rebuilt.

Further, political happenings of the summer-- specifically public statements reported in the newspapers connecting a Board member, Mrs. A.W. Simkins, with Communist front organizations--- have raised questions as to her effectiveness or ours if she is retained on the Board. Public statements were documented, not a matter of hearsay.

In Orangeburg, Mrs. Wilkinson recommended that we consult Mr. Hinton, state president of the NAACP about the matter of representation on the Board. We value her judgement and she trusts Mr. Hinton's. (Used opportunity of contacting interested members and former Board member in Orangeburg--- situation prevails there which is unique--- will report, if you wish.)

Conference with Hinton produced promise of names for Board and also effective workers at the local level. The annual state conference of the NAACP at Spartanburg, Oct.15-17 discussed Community Action to Implement the Supreme Court Decision and Improved Strategy in the Civil Rights Fight. I accepted

invitation to attend and Miss Rebecca Reid went with me. Invaluable experience in evaluating Negro leadership, and also in discovering that the NAACP effort will not prejudice substantial white people toward our efforts toward the same ends. Had discussed the latter with Mr.C.H. Parrish when he was in Columbia and we both thought this question needed to be answered. I hope I am right in thinking that in most places the NAACP leaders will work with us quietly and in a way to avoid unnecessary antagonisms.

NAACP leadership in Spartanburg has asked for help in taking effective social action for securing job opportunities in industry. Correspondence with American Friends' Greensboro office indicates that their merit employment program is limited at present to N.C. Perhaps we can get some help there. Have you further suggestions?

Held a conference with Foster and Reid in Greenville Sunday afternoon and Foster will give us a conference in Columbia tomorrow--- my first contact with him since his first meeting as state chm., Jan.10, 1954. Received notices of the 2 other mtgs. he held on April 21st and on July 31st but did not attend as I was told the matter of personnel was to be discussed. As the recording secretary Mrs. Jennie Young did not attend any of these meetings and McClain, Evans,Reid, Minahan with whom I have talked are not sure what decisions were made, I am hoping to get further matters cleared in conf. with Foster tomorrow. Also, Marian Finlay, a Board member has promised to lend me her notes.She has just 'phoned to say that no decisions were made, but that Foster said he would appoint 3 comms. and notify those whom he was asking to serve on them: namely, Personnel, Program, and Finance. Discussion was had as to determining objectives and areas of work desired so that employed staff would have some guidance as to what was wanted and expected pf it.

I note on page 7 of your Memo #1-4/10/54 you request a letter to SRC setting out the arrangement a state division would like and giving the rest of that group's plan. Hope to get this infomation from Foster, but would like to have in writing whatever understanding may exist with your office, please?

Miss Reid tells me that she was asked to serve as chairman of the Finance Committee but reluctantly refused because she can't do that kind of work. Please let me know what information you have as to any comm. in S.C. having agreed to help raise the necessary funds.

In the S.C. Federation of Women's Clubs we raised approximately $50,000.00 over the period of the last 3 years. Some of this was from the public. I have spent some time in evaluating and listing on cards those persons and firms which I think we might approach. I do not object to this type of work per se--- just hate to give time to it that is so badly needed elsewhere, but it seems as though I shall be needed.

You will have received a copy of Foster's letter to me dated 10/11/54 in which he suggested that I make a weekly activity report. I am happy to do whatever is wanted and needed, however, for the present it seems much more to the point that we make progress in working out some of the objectives your memoranda set up for work during the summer and which we are just now getting around to; namely determining how we can make our board more widely representative, how we prefer that the organization shall be governed, and what program we shall attempt to promote and with whom.

As I am urgently in need of more help from your office, I cut short any further reporting now, but will take time to cover my time fully if that is what you and Foster prefer. Please advise about this.

Is there available a report of Mr. Parrish's interviews in S.C. and any recommendations growing out of them? I was very much impressed with the saneness of his ideas and disappointed that he did not 'phone me late in August. He had told me he would return at that time. I, also, would like to learn all I can about the Kentucky plan and program.

May we have the benefit of the report made by the Disciples of Christ minister who spent 10 days in S.C. and N.C. interviewing individuals as to their reaction to implementing the Supreme Court decision? Was his name Freeman?

Have there been any cooperative working relationships made at the regional level with such groups as the American Friends, the Southern Education Reporting Service, the NAACP, Anti-Defamation League, et al ? Naturally we need to know of any resources which are available outside our own organization and as much as possible where the other fellows are concentrating.

I do not have the Highlander Folk School address now and have wondered what your evaluation of their summer programs is. I do not know anything other than that Earl Britton, president of the S.C. Fed. of Labor planned to attend summer before last. He is out of Columbia so much that I never see him. Also, a fine young Negro, Esau Jenkins, Rt.1, Box 68, Johns Island, who is president of his local PTA told me that he attended this past summer. He wanted help in securing films on human relations. Suppose Mr. Routh will be able to help us to meet program requests. I'd like any information you may have on these programs at Highlander as they may give us some ideas.

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I favor making our executive board as broadly representative as possible and hope we can include labor. Any suggestions as to contacts?

Is the article by Earl Brewer on Mayor's Commissions on Human Relations available. If so, please lend or give us a copy. What info is available on the one in Rock Hill--- our role in organizing it?
May I use a copy of the report of the study made by the Haverford student at Bamberg concerning equal penalties in courts of law?

Suppose you heard that Byrnes intervened in the case of the teen-age brothers (Negro) who were sentenced to the electric chair?

Your memorandum to the SRC Board of Directors dated July 20th was excellent--- so informative. I was especially interested in seeing that you have been to Anderson to counsel with local leadership on implementing the Court's decision. Please let me have your report of this. I want to contact people throughout the State who have showed interest, or even an open mind! Have made beginnings.

In line with the above, can you tell me who composed the "embarrassment of people" who were available for the paid positions? Some of them may be good material for volunteer service and we can certainly use them!

Back to labor contacts--- do you have names and addresses from the Junaluska Conference, CIO, or from the southeastern conference of AFof L? ~~leaders?~~

Any prospective members or workers from the Guilford College institute?

Please let us have a copy of the Williamsburg Conference.

Is there free literetiure available for distribution and a price list

of publications?

I'd find useful a short suggested reading list in this field. The U. of S.C. Extension Div. library will help distribute same, I'm sure.

Who are the other persons from S.C. on the SRC Board? To whom should I offer my resignation due to being a paid employee now? Also, by whom and how will the vacancy be filled?

Will understand if this is answered on the installment plan!

Took part in the conference to which Mr. Wright referred on possible expansion of facilities at Penn Community Services. Think the idea about Oconee a good one, but don't think in the light of where we are at present that we can try to work it out or up now! Your reaction, please.

Will see you Nov. 9, 10 and 11, if not before. Had gotten the idea from all of you that we'd have a visit from some of you sooner, but am delighted at the prospect of the meetings.

Sincerely yours,

Alice N. Spearman

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman

P.S. Letter head is old.
Will secure an office and secretary as soon as we have worked out policies etc and my reconnaisance period is passing.
Will keep you informed as decisions are made. A.N. S.

INTRODUCING —

MRS. EUGENE SPEARMAN

Born and reared in Marion, South Carolina, she was graduated at Converse. While a junior at Converse, she served as page for her aunt, Mrs. A. H. Moss, who was at that time the efficient and beloved president of SCFWC. Even in those youthful years Alice Norwood was quite impressed with the constructive nature of what she heard and saw as the President's Page.

After receiving her A. B. degree from Converse, Alice won her M. A. degree from Columbia University. She has done graduate work also at the University of Virginia, the University of Chicago, and at the Imperial University at Kyoto, Japan. Along the way she studied Library Science at Newberry College, and took courses at the National School of the Y. W. C. A. in New York City.

Her experiences in volunteer as well as professional capacities have been broad. As a teacher in high school, she served in South Carolina, in Manila, P. I., and in Tungchow, China. Leaving the teaching profession, she served as education director for the Germantown Y. W. C. A. in Philadelphia, where the emphasis was on leadership training, program building, and coordination of community services.

During the depression she became the first woman administrator of a county relief program, heading the Emergency Relief Administration of Marion County in South Carolina. From this she became district supervisor of eight counties in the Pee Dee section of the State, then director of the rural rehabilitation survey, which transferred clients from relief rolls to rural rehabilitation programs. She became State Supervisor of Education, and organizer and supervisor of the first National Youth Administration Camp for girls.

Mrs. Spearman has studied and traveled widely in Europe and Asia. She has lived in and made study of adult education schools (People's Colleges) in Scandinavian countries, attended the Fifth All-Indian Woman's Conference on Educational and Social Reform, and the First All-Asian Woman's Conference, both of which were held at Lahore, Punjab, India. She has been in attendance upon students' conferences at Oxford, England; Lucknow, India; Manila, P. I.; and upon the Pacific Relations Conference, Shanghai, China. She has conducted tours in the Orient of students from Leland Stanford University.

Since her marriage she has been kept busy principally in a volunteer capacity in church, civic and social activities. Some of these volunteer activities have included leadership roles at student conferences, conferences of the South Carolina Educational Coordinating Council, work with the South Carolina Conference of Social Work, and with other organizations concerned with welfare in its broad aspects.

Her club affiliations include Mothers' Club of Newberry, Council of Farm Women,

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Garden Club of Newberry, American Legion Auxiliary, and Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a member of Newberry County Reorganization Committee, which committee was appointed by the County Delegation and County Board of Education.

She serves the Baptist Church with devotion and marked leadership. She has been clerk of the Reedy River Association of Baptist churches, co-chairman of Christian Education, chairman of committee on Public Morals and chairman of Community Missions. She was former superintendent of the Junior Department of the First Baptist Church, Newberry, and teacher of the Young Women's class of that church.

Mrs. Spearman is serving our Federation as Chairman of Legislation for Northern District. She is acting also as chairman of the Division of Family Finance and Insurance. At the recent meeting of the clubs of Northern District, she was nominated as director of that district.

Mrs. Spearman assumes her duties of associate editor of the CLUBWOMAN and of Executive Secretary of SCFWC with a background of broad culture and with experienced knowledge in the wide program of this important organization which has secured her valuable services. Her address is 1511 Laurel Street, Columbia.

(Signed)

Elise T. Spigner (Mrs. A. F.)
Jessie H. Laurence (Mrs. C. F.)
Eunice F. Stackhouse (Mrs. T. B.)
Florence Olvey

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—WITH OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

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October 21, 1954

Dear George Mitchell, Re: OFFICE SPACE

No word from Dick Foster today tho I sat--- and worked--- at the YWCA where we were to have met this a.m. from 9:30-noon. This is BIG THURSDAY in S.C. and I had written him that Evans and McClain were in attendance at the Meth. mtg. in Spartanburg for the rest of the week.

I had an excellent conference with McClain and with Miss Minahan and they and I agree that to stay in the field as much as possible until after the mtgs. over there 9-11 will be the most profitable way of spending the time. It will take considerable priming to wake up those of us who have been coasting these past 4 or 5 years.

A friend has lent me her apartment, a file and a typewriter while she's away --- the expenses ours(heat, lights, typewriter ribbon, etc.) She may not be at home much until after Christmas, but she may be here sooner.

Naturally, I want to settle in our own nook as soon as possible and also do not want to create a situation if and when the Associate is selected. Unfortunately, I have been unable to secure an office at the Methodist Center yet-- no vacancy-and that is the only place, regular office building, about which I've been able to learn where a Negro would be allowed to work.

There is a small apartment next door to where I am living which I may be able to rent and use with a Negro staff mbr. without any repercussions, but we are about 2-3 miles from the center of town here and would not be accessible to out of town visitors. Our biggest need is for a workshop however, so this would not be as great a limitation as that imposed by practise in the regular business districts. This neighborhood is rather transient and impersonal so does have its advantages.

Since this is so vitally related, I hope you may find time to write me what is being planned for S.C. as far as an Assoc. is concerned. Or, is this one of the matters which we may help to work out?

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman (over)

P. S. How do we go about having our office seals approved? A. ~~H.~~ S.

Mitchell

November 4, 1954

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Secretary
The South Carolina Division of the
Southern Regional Council
3315 Colin Kelly Drive
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Dr. Charles Johnson of Fisk University wrote me, in a letter that came in today, that a Southwide Conference is being held at Fisk University on things to do about school integration. Ought to be a good meeting.

The Conference has enough money to pay people's maintenance while at Nashville, but can't pay travel. Comes off November 26th and 27th at Fisk.

I gave Dr. Johnson your name, and you will probably be invited. I am going.

Looks to me like a good thing to learn at.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

November 23, 1954

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
3315 Colin Kelly Drive
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Sometime back I accepted an invitation to be at Anderson, South Carolina for the evening of December 14th, to talk to the Anderson Committee on Human Relations. This was at the invitation of Mr. Pritchett.

It is a one night stand for me, as I am going on North early the next morning. I am sure you would be very welcome, but I write merely in accordance with policy to let each state director know when any of us from this office are travelling into their state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Blind copies to:
Mr. C. H. Parrish
FBR
GTH
HCF
KS

December 22, 1954

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
Executive Secretary
South Carolina Division of SRC
3315 Colin Kelly Drive
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I keep a private pocket book memo on all the state officers. I have got you down for 3315 Colin Kelly Drive, but haven't got any telephone number. If you have one will you let me know what it is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 28, 1954

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
3315 Colin Kelly Drive
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Katherine Stoney tells me that she has not had the monthly financial reports from you for October and November. And now the December one looms.

We are under obligation to prepare financial figures pretty completely each quarter and we will need all the facts from South Carolina on or about January 3rd.

I understand that you have had some problem in getting together with Miss Reid on fiscal matters. But I urge you to do your best to meet our requirements too.

And I would welcome a letter from you once in a while saying how you are doing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 3, 1955

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
South Carolina Division - SRC
3313 Colin Kelly Drive
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Enclosed is the Birmingham News editorial you requested.

Mrs. DuBois' address is as follows:

Rachel David SuBois
Workshop for Cultural Democracy
204 East 18th Street
New York 8, New York

I know what you mean about finding the right group for her technique. I am under the impression that she gets foundation grants to sponsor hers, but am not sure whether the grants would cover one-night stands or are just for long range operations.

I knew McCray was on the Afro-American now and had suspected that the Lighthouse collapsed when he left. We get the Palmetto Leader.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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3315 Colin Kelly Dr.
Columbia, S.C.
Nov. 24, 1954

Dear Anna Holden:

Thoroughly enjoyed seeing you. Thank you for all the good work you did in our behalf prior to the conference. Your mimeographed material on SUGGESTED SOURCE MATERIAL is most interesting and I am sure will prove very helpful.

I hope that I am right in thinking that we are to direct to you questions as to materials which may be available. At the conference Dr. Parrish had a type written copy of an editorial which had appeared in the Birmingham News 10/13/54, I believe it was. He allowed me a few minutes in which to scan it, but said he hoped it might be available later. I'd like very much to secure a copy if possible, at your earliect convenience.

Between us, I enjoyed Dr. DuBois program demonstrating the technique of social conversation, but have seen other techniques with which I have been more impressed. However, I'd like to know how I might reach her-- address-- and the conditions under which she is available. I think it might be worthwhile to interest some of the women's organizations to use her in their international relations programs in an effort to broaden their interest to intercultural relations. All this will depend upon the basis upon which she may be available. Finance is so ever present a problem that many worthwhile programs can be slipped in if they are free, or at least not too expensive.

Hope to be hearing from you any time you have anything about which we should know.

Sincerely yours,

Alice N. Spearman

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman

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Holden

P. S. The Light House and Informer, Columbia S.C. is no longer being published. John Mc Cray is the S. C. correspondent for the Afro-American.
The Palmetto Leader of which Mr. Geo Hampton is editor may be addressed at 1310 Assembly St. a. n. s.

January 6, 1955

Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Ex. Sec.
South Carolina Division of SRC, Inc.
3315 Colin Kelly Drive
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

On going back over some old correspondence I discovered a postal card from you in which you said you were to have a meeting of the full Board on December 1st at 2:00 p.m. Would appreciate it very much if you would send us minutes of the meeting.

I think it would be helpful to us if you would keep in closer touch with the Central Office. We usually get a note from most state people fairly often but beyond that of course there is the formal requirement of a monthly report from the state offices to the Central Office so that we may keep abreast of developments across the region.

I hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year holiday and I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR/raf
Dictated by Mr. Routh
Signed in his absence

Dear Mrs. Hamilton,

You'll be happy to hear that we had a "good" mtg yesterday afternoon with the leaders in question — Mr. Foster presiding. He handled well and I hope all are happy. We are meeting today in G'ville. with leaders primarily from that area.

A full Bd. mtg is scheduled for Dec 1st at 2 pm with a mbsp. mtg. to follow at 3 o'clock — both at U.S.O. 1030 Laurel St. Columb. S. Delighted if you and others might attend. Alice N. Spearman

Yours -

my phone is 3-2713

File with mend

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

January 11, 1955

You were elected at the recent membership meeting of the South Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council to serve on the nominating committee for the executive board of the newly organized South Carolina Council on Human Relations. As was discussed at the membership meeting, we seek to develop a broadly representative board composed largely of persons whose standing in various movements throughout the state will be of importance to the work of the Council as a coordinating agency. We have a real opportunity to extend lines of communications and to implement the constructive forces and democratic processes within our state.

With the above in mind, won't you immediately prepare a list giving suggestions of the persons to compose the board? Please be sure to secure correct spelling of names with initials and mailing addresses. Add a note giving your opinion as to the person's usefulness, ability and willingness to work as well as his or her effective working relationship in a group concerned with some aspect of the Council's basic purposes. A word about the group would be helpful also if it is not a well known organization. As always, there are persons not organizationally minded whom we shall want to include because of their ability to mold public opinion, think and plan constructively and/or because of other ability or situation. Specify.

Won't you bring this with you to a meeting of our Committee scheduled at the YWCA, Blanding Street, Columbia, for Wednesday, January 19th at 11:00 A.M.?

Looking forward to our work together and with every good wish for the New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

Marion B. Paul (Mrs. R.H.)
Chairman, Nominating Committee

MBP:bmo
Incl.: List of present
Executive Board

1/12/55

Dear Anna,

Thank you so much for your prompt reply to my belated letter to you!

sent out 1/18 mf

Please send me the names and addresses of the members of the SRC Board. Indicate those who are the 2 ex-officio members from each state, please. Also, may I have the complete list of the executive directors of the state organizations-- names and addresses. Suppose some have been added since our meeting. Did not get this information about all of those who were there.

Never a dull moment. I'm thoroughly enjoying every minute of my work.

Yours,

Alice G. Spearman

January 14, 1955

Mrs. Alice M. Spearman, Ex. Sec.
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Alice:

Thank you for your two communiques.

Regarding your membership meeting, certainly you have our go-ahead signal on this. I note that your membership dues were set at $3.50 ($2.00 for New South and $1.50 for your treasury). In view of the necessity of raising $1800 during this first year period, I should think that would make your job far more difficult. But certainly the state organization has every right to set its dues at a level which it thinks best.

Thank you for your letter of January 10th with the enclosed correspondence between you and Mr. Foster, and you and Mrs. Ogelsby. I have read it with interest and I am continuing to digest it. I don't know just when it will be possible for me to be in North Carolina but as you say it would be to our advantage to talk this thing through. I do feel that you and Mr. Foster have reached agreement after reading the more recent letters of correspondence. I would gather from reading Mrs. Ogelsby's letter and also the comments both you and Mr. Foster made about her that she is a professionally trained person and I assume that you will probably use her in other capacities as well as for secretarial work. I will make further comments on this matter after I have more fully digested the contents.

Trusting that this finds you well.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR/rnf
cc: CHP

January 14, 1955

(Dictated January 12th)

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Congratulations on having an office and a downtown address. Proud of you. Duly down in my book, and spread to all in the office here.

Nothing much I can tell you from the Anderson meeting. Pritchett is a grand fellow doing a good job, though one feels, oppresively, the weight of Anderson's timidities. I believe that in conversations with Pritchett and his friends you could get a goodish membership in the Anderson area.

We have no idea at all of why Mr. Coker resigned. His letter said that he had a multiplicity of responsibilities and was going to have to cut down. I should think that you would find him still the warm friend of South Carolina causes in this direction.

I have some connection with the Nicholas Mitchells because he, years ago, taught at Richmond College for a Summer or so when my father was away. They are both in history. No kin, and we have no more than met once or twice.

I have notified the various names you gave out to the right people in the states. Thank you. Always helpful.

I do not see Adult Education. If I really ought to read the Verner article, say so and I will cause it to be dug out from somewhere.

For the moment I can't find any assurance as to when anybody from here is driving to the Fisk meeting. I think the man who runs the Georgia Committee is, but he is out of town and I can't get the dope. I will notify you about Friday of this week of what may be feasible.

The news release which SRC gave out a few days after the receipt of the grant from the Fund for the Republic is tolerable in explanation of what the money was for. Here's a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

JAN 12 1955

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

January 11,1955.

Dr.George S.Mitchell
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr.Mitchell:

Miss Reid 'phoned me from the bus station yesterday and promised to mail her check for deposit in a Columbia bank immediately. She has been out of the state on an emergency mission. We hope you will approve the request we are making of Mr.Foster that he request either Howard McClain or Claude Evans to co-sign checks with me until our board elects a new treasurer - - - one who resides here in Columbia.

Getting our financial program properly set up and having clerical assistance will enable us to work cooperatively with your office I am sure. Your understanding and forebearance are appreciated.

I regretted that a previously made engagement in Florence made it impossible for me to attend the Dec.14th meeting of the Anderson Committee on Human Relations.

When I attended the district meeting of the SC Education Ass'n., in Anderson, in the fall, I introduced myself to Mr.Pritchett. He had made an address which was excellent but not enthusiastically received so that we shall no doubt have to meet again for him to remember me. The executive director of the NAACP has reported favorable reactions to him from Negroes in that entire section of the state.

Are there any insights about the Anderson situation which you will share with me, or shall I wait for a conference with Mr.Pritchett?

Our office which we have equipped with the essentials is located at 1508 Lady St., a block beyond the Methodist Center and 3½ blocks east of Main St. Our 'phone number is 6-8808. The 3315 Colin Kelly Drive is my residence address and my 'phone there is 3-2713. I wrote you that I was living in a duplex, I believe, and was able to make arrangements for a workshop there during the month of October. Please see that these addresses and telephone numbers are properly recorded for use at your office as I am continuing to have mail sent to my residence. It will be preferable to have the mail sent to the office.

I regretted to learn of the resignation of Mr.J.L.Coker as a member of the board of SRC. We are planning to approach him for a contribution to our state program. Is there anything we should know about the reason for his resignation before approaching him?

On Dec.3rd and 4th I attended a study conference of the American Ass'n for Adult Education which was held at the Piedmont Hotel in Atlanta. The executive committee of the Southeastern area AEA met immediately following that conference so that I was not free until Sunday afternoon. I drove back to Greenville with Dr. & Mrs. Nichols Mitchell, so that there was no opportunity to contact any of you. I was very sorry indeed.

At the study conference I met Mrs.H.M.Kandel, 432 Abercorn, Savannah,Ga., who is currently serving as president of the Georgia Congress of Parents and Teachers. We had injected a consideration of the role of adult Education in such controversial issues as Supreme Court ruling into the discussion. Her reactions were such that I believe she will be helpful in the Georgia Interracial Committee's work.

Mr.J.E.Arnold, Coordinator of Services, Extension Division, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., is another contact which I believe will be valuable.

Mr.Ernest B Pugh, 102 No.Belvidere St., Richmond, 20, Va.,Assistant Director, CIO, Region 4; Miss Charlesanna Fox, County Librarian, Randolph Public Library, Asheboro, N.C.; Mr.J.E.Welborn, Director of Special Services, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga; Mr.Coolie Verner, Professor of Adult Education, School of Education, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla; Mrs.W.C.McHenry, 524 Inlaflo St., Tallahassee, Fla, are also persons whom I feel are good prospects for membership in state organizations.

Did you see Coolie Verner's article in the Dec.issue of Adult Education?

I am looking forward to learning a lot at the meeting at Fisk, January 21st and 22nd. If you are driving from Atlanta and do not have a car full I'd like to join you and share expenses. Otherwise I shall fly. Please let me hear about this. I am looking forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Alice N. Spearman

Mrs.E.H.Spearman,
Executive Director.

P.S. Is there available in condensed form a statement of the purpose and terms of the Ford Foundation grant?

A.N.S.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

Editor noted

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

January 15, 1955

Dear Mr. Routh,

Replying to your letter of Jan. 14th. It is permission to use the $3.50 membership fee that we requested, not permission to hold a membership meeting. We held a membership meeting on Dec. 1st. What we want to do is to send a letter to all former members and also one to prospective members. We did not want to do this until we had the Atlanta offices approval of the $3.50 fee which had been set by the members who were in attendance at the Dec. 1st meeting. I agree with you that it will be harder to raise the required $1,800.00, but we should be able to supplement memberships with contributions. Thank you for the go ahead signal.

As I wrote you, I had felt it would be better to keep quiet about the matter I reported to you , but felt you needed some explanation as to why we were slow in getting clerical service. About mid- way telling you all the particulars, I realized again that you would not be interest- in all the details since we had worked things out satisfactorily for the time being. While I don't want to take the time to do so, let me say that if you are really going into the matter that much that was pertinent was not covered in the correspondence, now did I finish the story. I sent the letters so that you would know that all has been worked out in the Ogles- by matter, but we were greatly delayed in doing so. I felt that it was necessary that Mrs. O.receive fair treatment, if we were to command the confidence of the Negro community, in Spartanburg and also in the NAACP organization.

We shall be happy to have you whenever you can come.

Encloded are some items of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Alice M. Spearman

January 18, 1955

Mrs. Alice M. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

A reduced version of the speech-making at the Herald-Tribune Forum last Fall was reprinted at the request of the U. S. Information Agency for use abroad.

A few copies have been made available to the Southern Regional Council and I send one to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . EAB . . . . . .

Incoming letter from Mrs. Spearman attached.

HCF ✓
GTH ✓
FBR ✓
KS ✓
AH ✓

Return to EAB

January 25, 1955

Mrs. Alice M. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Many thanks for the order for 200 Answers for Actions, being shipped and billed for, at 16¢ each plus carriage of the bundle. That helps a lot.

Katherine Stoney knows about mailing permits and will advise: also she, on receipts.

Do check with us on the tax exemption when you are ready to proceed; it seems to be a complicated matter, and a slip by one would endanger the whole program.

I am never much on Brotherhood Sunday or Week. I say all year around. So we merely service such requests for extra material as come to us, and don't push the idea.

Fred Routh sees all such letters as yours from the state organizations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

January 18, 1955

JAN 20 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Replying to your letter of January 11th relative to localizing the sale of Answers for Action: the Schools in the South, I would like to see the South Carolina Council purchase two hundred copies to be sent to presidents of local chapters of A.A.U.W., League of Women Voters, Councils of Church Women, P.T.A.'s, selected county education associations and school boards, etc. It would seem that a sample copy with the suggestion that discussion groups be formed, should help to spark sales.

In the fluid state in which we find ourselves, I am somewhat at a lost to know who should authorize this purchase. Am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Foster, whom I feel sure, would be favorable to the above plan. If you agree, what about having them shipped to us?

We are investigating the conditions of securing a mailing permit. Please give us the benefit of your experience and advice as to whether we should attempt permit mailing for the sake of economy. Perhaps first class mail is more apt to receive attention by the recipient. What say you?

May we have a sample copy of the type receipts for memberships which the Council formerly used? Under the South Carolina Interracial Committee we issued membership cards. What are the other states doing about this?

A communication from Mr. Foster has agreed to the desirability of our securing Form 1023 from the Internal Revenue Office and make plans for applying for tax exemption. Your memo of January 10th requested that your office be consulted in advance about this. As soon as we secure a finance chairman, we shall notify you so that he may be properly instructed by you in this manner.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Dr. George S. Mitchell (Cont'd.) January 18, 1955

In former years, the South Carolina Division has attempted, in a general way, to encourage the observation of Brotherhood Sunday and/or Race Relations Week. I do not think that the communications which have been mailed widely to ministers, have borne many tangible results. May we have your opinion as to the desirability of trying to point up the need for such observances?

Will see you in Nashville.

Sincerely yours,

Alice

Alice Spearman

ANS:bmo

cc: Mr. Richard Foster

P.S. Suppose such communications will be shared with Mr. Routh -

Should check accompany order for 200 copies of "Answers for Action", or will we be billed? A.

KS to ans

2/3/55

Dear Fred,

Thank you so much for sending the list it will be very helpful, I'm sure.

It was grand taking the trip with such "good sports".

I shall look forward to the next one!

"Come over to Macedonia", when you can.

Yours,

Alice

HSM -
How's this for brevity?
FBR

February 7, 1955

Mrs. Alice M. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

The various ministers who travelled in the South last Spring and Summer, in conjunction with the Southern Regional Council, represented their own church groups primarily, and I have been at some pains to safeguard the directness of the contact with their own parent church bodies. True that by courtesy each such traveller did send to SRC a copy of his report; but I had thought that SRC ought carefully to avoid letting matters from the reports get back into the states and localities to which the traveller went.

I have looked up the report of Reverend Samuel Freeman of the Park Avenue Church, Disciples of Christ, East Orange, New Jersey. His travel covered the period July, 19th to August 23, 1954.

Freeman had hard luck in Hartsville. He had intended to go to church at the First Presbyterian Church and see the minister, Mr. Doom, who had been recommended by Dabbs. But church service was an hour early and Mr. Doom was away on vacation. Mrs. D. R. Coker was away. Mr. John Martin had been much praised to Freeman, but was away. Freeman wrote Martin a note and left five copies of Answers for Action and asked that Mr. Martin confer with Mr. Doom, Mrs. Coker, and Mr. Dabbs.

Then Freeman went on up into North Carolina.

Earlier in reporting on his visit in Columbia Freeman spoke cordially of the various things you passed on to him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

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February 3, 1955

Miss Anna Holden
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Anna:

You have been so good about sending me things I've needed, that I'm taking another shot at you.

GSM

We are hoping to be able to raise some funds in Hartsville and for that reason I need information as to the results of Rev. Ferguson's interviews in Hartsville, at the time of his assignment through the Disciples of Christ and/or National Council of Churches. Hope it will be possible for you to send me a copy of his entire report -- at least those parts which are available for staff consumption.

Appreciatively,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman

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Air Mail Special February 9, 1955

Miss Alice M. Spearman, Ex. Sec.
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Alice:

In my letter of February 8th, I said in the second paragraph:

> "Regarding the Fisk Conference being subsidized, I know very little about this and suggest that you write to Dr. Johnson or Dr. Valien and ask them for particulars. If you are asked to pay for meals and lodging, they should be paid out of your travel budget for this was a professional meeting which you attended on Council business."

After talking with George Mitchell, we have decided that it would be unwise to write either Dr. Johnson or Dr. Valien and that the question of paying for meals and lodging should be allowed to ride. They were paid for apparently by Fisk and it might be embarrassing to offer to pay them. Therefore please strike out and disregard the entire second paragraph.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

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Air Mail Special

February 8, 1955

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Ex. Sec.
South Carolina Division of the SRC, Inc.
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Alice:

It certainly meets with our approval for y'all to supplement the service of Mrs. Oglesby with additional secretarial help, or also with additional professional consultant help; * so long, of course, as you stay within the proposed budget, or provide for the raising of additional sums.

Regarding the Fisk Conference being subsidized, I know very little about this and suggest that you write to Dr. Johnson or Dr. Valien and ask them for particulars. If you are asked to pay for meals and lodging, they should be paid out of your travel budget for this was a professional meeting which you attended on Council business.

Certainly being with you at the conference was enjoyable and I think that the conference itself was quite worthwhile.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Development

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* needs central office approval as to whom is hired, prior to agreement with consultants.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

February 3, 1955

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

We are assuming that it meets with your approval for us to supplement the services of Mrs. Oglesby, of Spartanburg, so long as we stay within our budget. We have not had a reply to the joint letter from Mr. Foster and me which raised this question.

It certainly was wonderful being able to attend the conference at Fisk, not to mention the pleasure of having such good traveling companions.

In November, Dr. Johnson wrote that the conference was being subsidized but that travel would be at the expense of participants. Within the last few days I have had a letter which has made me wonder if we were expected to pay for meals and our nights lodging. If so, please let me know how this should have been handled.

Sincerely yours,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman

Encl.

ANS:sag

February 3, 1955

Dr. Guy H. Wells, Ex. Dir.
Ga. Comm. on Racial Co-operation
63 Auburn Avenue, North East

Dear Dr. Wells:

Again let me express my extreme pleasure and appreciation for the opportunity of such delightful companionship to and from the Fisk conference.

It had been my understanding that those of us who traveled together were to divide the expenses and frankly I'd feel much better doing this. Please let me hear from you in this regard.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman

ANS:saj

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February 14, 1955

Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins
Box 147
Eastland, Texas

Dear Mrs. Perkins:

For almost four years I edited the South Carolina Club Woman and served as Executive Director for the S.C. Federation of Women's Clubs. In that capacity I developed great faith in the potentialities of the Federation for helping us cross some of the social and educational hurdles before each of our communities.

Since October, 1955 I have been serving as Executive Director of the S.C. Council on Human Relations. I have been told that you are doing an excellent work as Education Chairman for GFWC and that you will conduct a work shop at the Southeastern Council meeting in Atlanta this month.

Because I feel the urgency of extending the lines of communication between Negroes and Whites if we are to encourage an orderly law-abiding response to the Supreme Court Ruling, I hope that you are planning to give some guidance to club women in this region along this specific line. No doubt you are familiar with the work of the Southern Regional Council, Headquarters for which are at 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia. Should you arrive in Atlanta early enough, I feel that a conference with Dr. George S. Mitchell, Director, would prove highly beneficial. He has a most constructive approach to this matter and has the resources of the region at his finger tips.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly, also of the Council Staff will be holding a southwide meeting of church women about the same time. I hope that you may be able to look in on her conference, make contacts and become familiar with materials being used. This should be possible as I believe her conference runs a day later than your own.

Certainly we cannot be proud of the Federation as the pioneer organization it has so often been, if we hide our heads in the sand at this time.

Because Mrs. Theodore Chapman, GFWC President, has emphasized the Federation's role in strengthening our communities - and bi-racial unity, is desperately needed - I feel that the work of the clubs on

this matter, community by community throughout the South is a natural and presents a challenge without parallel.

I hope that I may be able to attend your meeting and meet you personally. However, should that prove impossible, I trust that we may correspond about this matter and that I may hear from you soon, what response you receive from the club women to your handling of this question.

YOURS IN THE FEDERATION BOND:

E. H. Spearman

(Mrs.) E. H. Spearman
Executive Director

EHS:bmc

Dictated by Mrs. Spearman
Signed in her absence

February 25, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I am just back from a day at one of the schools currently going in the South; the Southern Police Institute at Louisville, Kentucky. This is an excellent agency, cordially disposed toward us and established with the advice of many of our friends. It trains police officials, mainly Southern, in normal police skills with good dashes of human relations put in. The head of it is Colonel David A. McCandless and they are quartered at the University of Louisville. Mr. C. H. Parrish of our staff is in close touch with the Southern Police Institute.

I am the more encouraged from the conversations with the various police officials to write you and ask that you make it your business and the business of your agency to build a cordial working relationship with senior police officials in the principal cities in your state.

The notion of a working relationship between police officials and human relations agencies is in some spots novel. One of the things we all agreed on was that it is wise for friendships to be made before trouble comes.

Also, we agreed that whoever, being private citizen or police official, first perceives a problem coming up has the duty to be in touch with the other.

I think in most states we are the ones who will first perceive opportunities and needs coming ahead, so the bee is on us to go and see some Chiefs in our areas and simply tell them who and what we are and swap telephone numbers and make friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 10, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

This is March 10th, and your February finance report has not yet been received.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 14, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

The pamphlet was called on its cover, "Progress of Freedom in the United States," and on its title page, "Steps Toward Racial Integration: Excerpts from the 23rd Annual New York Herald-Tribune Forum on the 'Progress of Freedom in the United States'." I daresay you can get some from the U. S. Information Agency through Senator Johnston.

Also, you could get some by writing to Mrs. Helen Hiatt Waller, Herald Tribune Forum, 230 West Forty-First Street, New York City.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Clin D. Johnson has promised to secure for us to distribute copies of the reprint of the NY Herald Tribune Forum on desegregation. Unfortunately, my copy has been mislaid and I do mot have the exact title of the bulletin. Please have it sent to me.

The finance report will be in the mail tomorrow.

Yours,

ALICE N. SPEARMAN

P.S. Hope all of you are enjoying this wonderful weather as much as I am.A

MAR 13 1955

March 16, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Please take some time over this one.

I send you with the letter a pamphlet called, How to Organize a Freedom Agenda Project. We will send you separately ~~the six related study pamphlets.~~

One of our good friends is working hard to get the Freedom Agenda Project going. I would like us to help. That really means finding some people in this or that community who would be a discussion group and go through the program.

Admitted that it is not exactly our business. Admitted that we have got our hands full. Still, it is good freedom-loving material, and all of us have some friends who would know ways of putting this sound underpinning beneath local freedom.

I carefully do not urge that helping with this be in any way an official project of your group. But I do ask that you try privately to find ways to spread the project -- if you agree.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

March 28, 1955

TO: Mrs. E. H. Spearman

FROM: Grace Towns Hamilton

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to tell you that the reprints of the article by Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle have been ordered, but have not yet been received.

We will let you know as soon as they can be made available to you.

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Dear Dr. Mitchell,

I understood through Marion Wright that reprints of the Sat. Eve. Post article by the Va. woman were to be supplied us. Do you know anything about this?

Appreciatively,

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman

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MAR 17 1955

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Have written Mrs. Iola Jones that I shall be unable to attend Region III Nat'l Council of Negro Women's Conference at Daytona Beach, because we are trying to hold a membership meeting here(educational with a lit bus.) before the April 11th sessions of the Supreme Court. More of this as soon as a few clearances are made. Will keep you posted.

This past week a fruitful one with 2 special mtgs with S.C.'s Negro intelligensia and attendance at annual mtg. of PTA(colored) and the Palmetto Ed. Ass'n.-contacts and converstaions with persons from all over SC. Conferring on idea of TV programs. Dave Carroll is interested. Fine interest from Negro leaders.

Miss Mary Frayser is writing many people at this time-old & fears she may be left out.However Rock Hill does have a problem and I hope we'll be able to help.

Thanks for copies of correspondence. Yours, ANS

April 1, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

We sent Miss Brazelton five copies of what we call the gray leaflet, "Southern Regional Council: Toward the South of the Future." One herewith.

I don't like to be tight, but it seems to me that the businesslike thing to do about the equipment in the office Mrs. Oglesby has used is to get it to your office, if it is movable. I assume that the heating device is clearly movable. If the lighting fixture is a desk fixture and therefore movable, I think it ought to go back to your office. If it is something installed with wires into the plastering, of course forget about it.

I have to be in Washington on April 13th, but I will tell Fred Routh that you are having the meeting, and I hope he will be able to go. In any case, he will write you.

I don't know whether in the meetings here at the time of the Board meeting I successfully carried over to you my hope that each state executive director should send me a letter at the end of each month. It is about my only way to feel informed. I certainly don't want a detailed report, and I am not asking for it in any particular form or carrying any particular number of topics to be covered. Just sit down and write me, about the last business day or so of each month, what is going on and how you feel about things. I would be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

March 31, 1955

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Goergia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

You will recall correspondence in January to the effect that Mrs. Beryl M. Oglesby, P. O. Box 1232, Spartanburg, S. C. was engaged for a period to terminate March 31st. It gives me pleasure to report that Mrs. Oglesby's work has been of the highest calibre. We have urged her to continue work with us with the understanding that we must have secretarial and bookkeeping assistance in our Columbia office. She finds it impossible to accept this offer.

Mrs. Oglesby's husband equipped the office which has been used by Mrs. Oglesby. Utilities and janitor service have been paid by us at the rate of $12.50 monthly. Comparable, offices in this location rent for from $25 to $40 per month, exclusive of services. It was necessary for SCCHR to purchase an electric heater and adequate lighting fixture for this office, total cost of which was approximately $50.00. We wish to abide by your memorandum, instructing that all office equipment revert to SRC at the end of the three year period or at such time as the state organization ceases to function. However, it is my thought that these items be left with Dr. Oglesby. We shall appreciate having your decision in this matter at your earliest convenience.

In your letter to Miss Brazelton of Rock Hill, you stated that you were enclosing some pamphlets which would help to answer her questions. May I have a copy of this pamphlet so that I may know what was sent her? I plan to go to Rock Hill next week.

We are planning a state wide meeting, tentatively scheduled for April 13th which we shall be happy to have you and any other members of SRC Staff attend.

We are hoping to draw together, everybody in South Carolina, who is in any way functioning bi-racially. Details as they develop.

Sincerely yours,
Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman

cc:CHP

April 5, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman, Ex. Sec.
South Carolina Council on
Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I note that in a letter George Mitchell wrote you on April 1st, he suggested that I go to a state meeting in South Carolina on April 13th and after checking my calendar it seems that it will be possible. Would you please sit thee doon and write me a hasty note, air mail, telling me where the meeting is taking place, at what time it will convene and what y'all are gonna talk about.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rnf

April 11, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

The man at the head of the Department of the Rural Church at Drew Seminary in Madison, New Jersey, is a devoted and informed person, of Southern background. He has put out three excellent pamphlets, copies of which I am sending to you.

We can play a part in strengthening the rural churches, and in firming their purposes. I hope that reading the booklets will strike sparks in your mind, and give you hints as to helpful things to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Under separate cover
These My Brethren
Go Down, Moses
A New Gospel of the Soil

April 12, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

We have a good many useful links with the National Council of Negro Women.

In your state we have the following members of its National Committee and Board: Mrs. Viola Ellis, Charleston; Mrs. Iola Jones, Florence; and Mrs. Kathleen Stevens, Charleston.

When opportunity offers, I think you will find it helpful to be in touch with these ladies.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 12, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman
S.C. Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Have received your monthly reports for October, November and December and look forward to receiving the ones for January, February and March. You mentioned in your last letter that we had not sent back approval of the by-laws submitted to us sometime in February and I must admit in all honesty that I can't even find a copy of them in the files. I do not recall having seen them or having received them. It is possible that they were lost in the mail or that somehow or other they were lost in this office, perhaps while I was away on a trip. Would you please, therefore, send us another copy of your proposed by-laws so we may give them careful consideration.

In the future, it would be awfully helpful to us if the monthly reports could be in by the 4th or 5th of the following month. We are going to send out a monthly newsletter which will be based upon the reports that we receive from the various states. For this information to be useful, we must have it early and it would be unfair to any state to leave it out. Would you please send us the number of members you now have as of April 1st. Also the amount of money you have raised from October 1, 1954 to April 1, 1955.

Please let me know when your annual meeting is going to be held and I shall be glad to make plans to attend it. The last we heard it had been postponed but no other definite date had been set.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

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April 16, 1955

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Exec. Director,
S.C. Council on Human Relations,
1508 Lady Street, Columbia, S.C.

Dear Alice:

If you could let me know which of the 12 paragraphs in my letter of April 9th offended you or any of the negroes, I would be in better position to answer your reproach. Frankly, I do not understand your reaction.

I appreciate your invitation to come with others as a guest to a conference in Columbia. Not knowing the content of the program I necessarily would have to limit my status to the same classification as other guests, although if my efforts were desired as "leader" of a discussion I would of course undertake that role as far as my ability extended.

Actually, I think today's situation renders the expression of negro attitudes much more urgent than expression of white opinion. With that in mind I might suggest that a more stimulating and profitable discussion would be upon the subject "Hopes and Expectations of Negroes Under the De-Segregation Decision." I would gladly undertake to lead that discussion, if desired, and I think an excellent move would be to invite the gentlemen mentioned in your letter, and others of incisive (and not too noisy) approach. Their presence would assure the state that questions and answers were not rigged for partisan effect. (Critical, militant negroes represented, of course, too.)

Of course some of the people mentioned would probably decline rather than feel "on the spot" when negro views contrary to their own were aired. Conceivably they would consent to attend as guests in the audience rather than upon the rostrum, remaining free to pose questions or put replies from the floor. I can visualize a meeting of this sort important enough to attract national publicity. The fact that it originated in South Carolina, perhaps the toughest segregation state, would be significant.

The objection of individual negroes that they cannot speak for large groups would be no obstacle, for the forum would not seek to commit either groups or individuals but only to end the stagnation which is breeding so much misunderstanding today.

In a few days I shall probably contribute another letter, one which you may like even less. However, my conviction is that if the press and other publicists will not seek out negro opinion, thoughtful negroes should initiate a fluid discussion — beginning if necessary among themselves if whites will not attend. Otherwise they surely face a mushrooming of "Klans" whose strongest selling point is negro silence twisted into "conspiracy."

Cordially,

David D. Carroll

Copy with 4/9 letter
to Mr. Geo. Mitchell

May 8, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

The other day I was at a meeting of the Texas Commission on Race Relations to which Mrs. William H. Hogue came most helpfully.

In driving back to Houston in a car along with her she gave me three South Carolina names of people she thought might well be interested in the work of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. Maybe all of them already are members.

Waller G. Wilbur, Charleston. She said that he is godfather to a daughter of Mrs. Hogue's.

Mrs. Leonard Prouty, Ridgeland, South Carolina. Good, strong liberal.

Mrs. M. E. Crouch, Charleston. Retired school teacher, informed and liberal.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.
GSM/eab

cc: FBR

May 9, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman
The S.C. Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alicia,

Thanks for your letter of May 6 with the enclosed clipping. I'm amazed that the reporter so completely confused the terms segregation and desegregation but all-in-all feel it is a rather fair presentation of what was said. I'm pleased that such a good coverage did get in the paper for certainly this is an educational process and using this mass medium of communication will help bring about a widely spread knowledge of the fact that good, responsible people are meeting together seeking compliance with rather than defiance of the Supreme Court decision and the best traditions of America.

Please let me know when you are going to have that meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors. I note that you wrote Dick Foster asking him to call the meeting and think it is a very good idea.

I enjoyed being with you in Columbia and think that the meeting was very much worthwhile. People coming together as we did there do more to open communications between the two racial groups and the various segments of society than half a dozen textbooks in the bield. You are to be commended for the fine role you play in the meetings.

I think that it would be profitable for you to get the board to appoint a Program Advisory Committee or a Program Planning Committee in or near the Columbia area to work with you in planning the program of the South Carolina Council. It is unfair for one person to bear all the load, it is impossible for one person to do all the work. The more that people are participants in decision-making and execution, the deeper is their commitment to the work to be done and the organization involved.

Looking forward to seeing you at Camp New Hope in the relatively near future.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rmf

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

May 6, 1955

Dear Fred,

Just wanted you to get a good laugh with me --- hence the enclosure! Suggest you cut the picture off before showing it-- the article-- to Dr. Wells. The Columbia Redord of yesterday afternoon gave us this write-up, which seems fair enough and free enough from distortion to make up for its lack of eclat, n'est-ce pas?

Thank you again for the skill with which you hit the nail on the head for us. As I told you, I thought your remarks were appropriate and quite to the point. I like your natural, enthusiastic delivery, too!

You will recall that we held our annual meeting in December--- not a very good one---- and this was our first try at an educational one. We have a long way to go, many improvements we shall be able to make, but it was encouraging to get that group together after the tension and strong reactions I have encountered here and there. As always there's a fine group which had real reasons for being unable to attend, and a sizeable sideline group which will join us after the struggle is further advanced. More of this will come out in reports which I promise will be forthcoming as soon as items of imediacy have been caught up.

The NEWSLETTER is a fine idea and we thank you for making this exchange possible. Will send some ideas with reports.

Am looking forward to the semi-annual meeting ~~of~~ with other state staff. Hope we shall have someone to come along with me by that time. Am writing Dick today asking that he instruct me as to how soon he can schedule a meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors.

With every good wish to you and other members of the SRC staff, I am

Yours appreciatively,

Alice D. Spearman

P.S. Do let us hear as plans materialize for making possible a full time Negro worker! A

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.
May 20, 1955

Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Attention: Mr. Fred Routh

Dear George:

The nominating committee will meet tomorrow and bring its slate of officers for the Executive Board to our first Executive Board meeting scheduled for Sunday, May 29, at 2:30 o'clock, at the Y.W.C.A., 1505 Blanding Street, Columbia, S.C.

We shall be delighted to have you, Fred, and/or any others with us. However, we do not contemplate anything momentous for this organizational meeting. Probably will schedule for a significant one for the earliest agreeable date.

We should look at the matter of Negro staff. If details of the Kentucky use of consultants are available, please let us have them. Informal discussion has indicated that John Potts, President of Voorhees School and Junior College, would make a good chief consultant. He is available, but I fear does not have as much time as we shall want and need.

Fred told me of the possibility of funds for a full-time worker. That would be wonderful! Do you remember meeting Mrs. Naomah Maise, at Daytona? She is the Executive Director of the National Council of Negro Women. I am not sure that she is a South Carolinian, but know that she lived here and attended school in Cheraw, S.C. She is a former Y.W.C.A. person -- My, what all of us owe to the "Y!" There's nothing like hitching ones' wagon to a star. But, if funds for a full-time person become available, I certainly wish we might sell her on the idea of this pioneer work for a couple of years, anyway. That may be entirely too far-fetched. However, we are keeping eyes and ears open, and making inquiries also.

I mean the passing of a great spirit, that of Dr. Bethune. So glad we were there in April!

When you come over next time, I'd like to tell you about some reports from Charleston. Mrs. Albert Simons can and will block our substantial progress there. Unfortunately, she is unwilling to serve on the Board or even to become a member -- principally her reaction to the Waring dinner. She sent me the enclosed clipping from "The News and Courier" (please return) with comments.

About our representation on SRC Board -- pardon our delay in replying to your inquiry of April 18 concerning same -- I can find no record and no person to straighten us out on the matter. Mrs. Paul thinks she is our representative; and I think Mr. Clement is. If Mrs. Paul is, we shall not need to name another person; if Mr. Clement is, we shall need to do so since he is now residing in New Jersey. What do you suggest?

Sincerely yours,

/s/

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

MAY 27 1955

1508 LADY STREET
COLUMBIA, S. C.

May 25, 1955

Dr. Geo. F. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear George:

Your record that Mrs. Marian B. Paul was elected by the S. C. Division of the SRC, as its representative on the SRC Board is correct.

This was done in the fall of 1953. } noted esb.

Will see you at Camp New Hope!

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

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P. S. What is the present status of the group which SRC formerly designated as "Fellows". If they are still so designated, who in South Carolina compose this group? What is their currect function?

A.N.S.

May 25, 1955

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Ex. Sec.
S.C. Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Having a few minutes on my hand at Beaufort, I attempted a brief statement for possible release by your Executive Committee. It is enclosed. You may feel entirely free to alter it in any way that appeals to you.

My idea would be that your Executive Committee at its meeting on Sunday agree that some such statement shall be issued and authorize you to issue it, just as soon as the Supreme Court's decree comes down. I would have several copies mimeographed to be held until news of the decree. Promptly upon receiving the news it would seem to me that you would deliver copies to the press services, radio, TV and such Columbia newspapers as would be willing to carry it.

I presume that a release would accompany the statement saying that it was issued by the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations.

It was good to see you at Columbia and to know that things are beginning to move in our state.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Marion A. Wright

MAW:mf

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

May 26, 1955

Dr. Geo. F. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Atlanta, Ga.

MAY 27 1955

Dear George:

The new president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs is an unusually alert person. She has secured a contribution from the Sear's Foundation. GFWC is offering an award for the best project in community development engaged in by a club in cooperation with other community agencies.

A recent publication entitled "Unity in Community" suggests organization of coordinating councils, community self-surveys, and so forth.

Based on this, I sent out a trial balloon to some of our more alert clubs, asking if they are interested in the community self-survey ideas. I have had affirmative responses from several.

In the past I know Mrs. Fleming was sending out some from your office to assist communities. Although your program suggests to us proposal forat least one community self-survey a year, it seems to me that the time involved in giving assistance to a community which has few resources would be such as to make it rather inadvisable at this time.

Especially would this be true if a number of communities were desirous of services at the same time.

Things are popping in this state, directly in the educational field, which will be difficult for us to keep up with. To be maximumly effective we should need to be a step ahead.

I shall hope to be able to give you details on our educational picture when I see you at Camp New Hope. However, I wanted to share this background so you may do preliminary thinking as to the advisability of our pushing the survey idea

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unless the central office can give us help with it.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

June 8, 1955

Mr. Fred Routh,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Routh:

Rev. Claude Evans has announced the following committees. It is my understanding that he is planning to add other persons to these committees from time to time, as the need may arise. They are as follows:

Executive Committee, Claude Evans, chairman; John F. Potts, A. R. Suritz, Howard McClain, Rebecca Reid, and Paul Webber.

Program Committee, John Potts, chairman; Howard McClain, Carl Pritchett, and Marian Paul.

Membership Committee, A. R. Suritz, chairman; W. E. Solomon, and Adele Minahan.

Finance Committee, James M. Dabbs, chairman; Maurice Shean, and E. C. Jones.

Personnel Committee, Rebecca Reid, chairman; A. C. Redd, and Gadsden Shand.

Nominating Committee, Bishop Frank M. Reid, chairman; Harold Cole, and Gil Rowland.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Fiske. It was most helpful having the conference at Camp New Hope. I shall answer the questions you gave us and send them to you soon.

Cordially yours,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

June 9, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

The following are the members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council residing in your state.

Ralph Barbare
Winthrop Training School
Rock Hill

~~Richard Carter~~
~~Box 1385~~
~~Greenville~~

Claude Evans*
Po Box 867
Columbia, S.C.

Mrs. Marion Paul*
2324 Washington St.
Columbia, S. C.

Rev. M. V. Shean, C.O.
Box 895
Rock Hill

We are dependent upon you and all connected with your state movement to bring these people into full knowledge and participation in the general program.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

*Ex-officio

June 9, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

At the recent staff conference at Camp New Hope various of you asked to be enlightened on the matter of Fellows of the Southern Regional Council. The appointment of Fellows began in 1945 and 1946 and has been little altered since then. It fulfilled a purpose of Dr. Howard W. Odum's to give recognition to and stimulate interest from young persons likely to increase in stature in this field. Under the by-laws these were to be honorary Fellows not exceeding 100 in number "to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership." The Fellows were to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents and special representatives. They were to receive such honoraria or reimbussement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Council might direct. The terms were to be for two years unless otherwise provided by the Council, and were renewable or withdrawable at the discretion of the Council. This language continues as Article III in our present by-laws.

Some few of the Fellows have faithfully all these years sent us clippings and an occasional letter telling about special circumstances in their areas. But for most of them the honor, if remembered, has been empty.

Technically, as the fellowships were not specifically renewed they may be thought of as having lapsed. But it should be said that they have not been specifically withdrawn.

The matter of having Fellows is a program from which we have not as yet contrived to extract anything like a full benefit.

One practical result has been that Fellows were exempt from dues and except as a matter of courtesy I think few of the Fellows have in practice paid dues to SRC. I know no reason why they should not be billed for dues in the appropriate state organizations.

Inactivity in this office does not signify failure to appreciate the possibilities of a live program with Fellows.

The Fellows still carried on our rolls and believed when last the list was compiled to be resident in your state are:

Mrs. Jesse N. Boyd
442 Union Street
Spartanburg

Miss Wil Lou Gray
185 Divine Street
Columbia

Howard G. McClain
1420 Lady Street
Columbia

John F. Potts
Vorhees Junior College
Denmark

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

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June 10, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear George:

You paid me a fine compliment in offering me the constructive criticism which you did at Camp New Hope. I appreciate both the criticism and the compliment!

You will be interested in the enclosure. For reaction of board, I refer you to minutes of the May 29 meeting, which we are sending Mr. Fred Routh.

Attached

Faithfully yours,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

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Not For Publication

Statement to the S. C. Council on Human Relations
Executive Board Meeting
May 29, 1955
by
J. Claude Evans

It is an honor to be asked to lead an organization such as the S. C. Council on Human Relations, especially in times like these. However, in fairness to all members of the executive board, I think I should describe somewhat in detail my own position on segregation vs integration in the light of the original purposes of the Southern Regional Council and the S. C. Council on Human Relations.

You need to know, for example, that I am a "moderate" as regards the problem of the South's accommodation to the Supreme Court decision on segregation in the public schools. While holding to the untimate goal of an integrated society as fulfilling both democratic and Christian ends, I believe this is an absolute which cannot be reached quickly or easily in many areas of Southern and especially South Carolina life today. The race problem is bisected by other problems that have their own assumptions about the good life, that involve value relationships that are worthy and important either in a segregated or unsegregated society and cannot be lightly dismissed.

I believe the problem of desegregation under the Supreme Court decision, for example, is bisected by an educational problem. Holding in abeyance, for the moment, the question as to whom is to blame for this, it is still true that there is a disparity between the quality of education being given in white schools versus the Negro schools. Levels of pupul educational achievement for any given age is at variance with the favor leaning towards the white children. There are measurable differences between the average abilities of the white teachers versus the Negro teachers. And so on. These are

educational problems which cannot be solved overnight in terms of absolutes outside the educational field. They must be faced on the basis of the assumptions of education itself and by educators themselves, though of course information and insights from other related professions must not be overlooked or disregarded.

Or take the sociological problem that the Supreme Court decision should take into account. One of the barriers which faces anyone in the deep South who is seeking for progress in the field of race relations is the carricature of the Negro race in the minds of many, perhaps the majority, of southern whites. Thus the white person views the Negro in terms of the low-class, poverty-bound, superstition-laden, farm day laborer.

In short, the Supreme Court decision confronts the South with problems enormously complex. There is no simple answer to any of these. Nor, I believe, is the answer the immediate application of absolute principles, except in areas where the consensus of public opinion is behind the law or can be persuaded to obey a law many view with something less than equanimity. (Therefore, the next best step for South Carolina may be far ahead of Mississippi, but also far behind North Carolina. Otherwise, what appears right and proper in one area of life will cause hurt if applied in another area.)

All this can be put in theological terms. From the standpoint of the Christian faith, there is no such thing as an absolute in human, finite history. (I recognize that any Christians here who are theological liberals will be quick to challenge this last statement for liberals <u>do</u> believe in absolutes like the law of love, etc., as being realizable in history.) The only absolute there is, is God. There is no absolute possible to man, only to God. Man looks at all life through sinful eyes. The principle of sin, which in religious

terms is the principle of self-centeredness in human nature or which in psychological terms is the egocentric predicament of man, infects all life including our racial relationships and our position in terms of our own race vis a vis the opposite race. (For example, I cannot disclaim sinfulness in this statement. This is the agony of being a Christian in a sinful society. None of us is free from the self-centered point of view. Neither can any Negro here disclaim self-interest in a view which reflects, say, a more radical approach to the solution of racial problems.)

In the light of this, it seems to me that there is no simple, sure answer in any given situation as to what is the solution. You cannot say, from the Christian standpoint, that there is a simple and absolute solution to the race problem in the South. The generalizations of either a Marion A. Wright, on the one hand, or a Governor Byrnes, on the other, may have little relevance to most specific situations as regards the inter-racial problem at that specific point. Yet what they say may have much relevance in certain specific situations. So the application of love to life, of law to freedom under the law, must be done in the light of real life situations.

This statement is not to imply that the point of view, say of the NAACP, is mistaken or wholly irrelevant. Rather, I believe the NAACP is a needed legal needler. From certain points of view, it may have proceeded too swiftly and too specifically. Our judgments would perhaps disagree on this matter. But the South's 70-year hypocrisy on "separate but equal" is a fact which helped produce the present policy of the NAACP. Therefore, while not agreeing with the position of the NAACP at many points, I can understand and be sympathetic towards the necessity for the NAACP.

However, I feel the S. C. Council on Human Relations is not the NAACP, nor must it be allowed to follow the strategies of the NAACP.

It has a different job to do. We have different prople to work with and to work for. Our real life (existential) situation is, by careful study and analysis, to put into the minds of official agencies or anyone desiring the information, the next best step in growing interracial amity.

I believe we should reiterate now our original purposes. Negatively, we are a non-political, non-pronouncement-making organization. We are not interested in making radical statements that follow an extremist point of view. Neither are we interested in doing nothing. Positively, we are a fact-finding, study-making group that seeks to keep open the channels of communication between the races in our states. We advocate no single, universal answer to the race problem in any given area in our state. I believe what can be done in Pickens cannot necessarily be done in Beaufort. We advocate, rather, such action as our studies reveal as being possible to be taken through official agencies on the local levels of the particular institutions involved.

In all of this, I believe there must be more trust and understanding between the member races of this group. We have got to have the maturity which permits honest disagreement to be just what it is: honest disagreement, variations in strategy without denying the ultimate goal of brotherhood.

In the light of the above personal statement, I think this Board should consider whether or not I am really the person who should serve as chairman for the coming year. If the Board members feel my point of view is unacceptable or otherwise unsuitable for the times, I will be happy to withdraw my name from consideration. If the Board is in general agreement with the above, I will be glad to serve.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

JUN 16 1955

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1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

June 15, 1955

Mr. Fred B. Routh,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Routh:

Enclosed you will find reports for January and February of the Executive Director, of SCCHR, in S. C.

Yours truly,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

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June 20, 1955.

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Alice:

There is actually no direct connection between Sears and the Rosenwald fund. The Rosenwald family made the vast majority of its money from the controlled interest of stock they held in Sears, Roebuck and Co., and two of Rosenwald daughters are friends of ours. I will discuss this matter with George Mitchell and advise you further. I think it may be wise to have a committee of your board consider what they can do to help bring about better job opportunities for Negro people. I would certainly check with Tartt Bell, 617 West Market Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, of the American Friends Service Committee, who has had much experience in this field and I would be glad to cooperate with you.

Josephine Wilkins' address is 387 Milledge Avenue, Athens, Ga.

Looking forward to seing you in Nashville, best wishes,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/vc

June 28, 1955.

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

You may recall that both at Camp New Hope and in Fred Routh's last newsletter the matter of interracial ministerial associations was mentioned. We have had the suggestion from several quarters that a listing of such associations in the South would be helpful.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would write me what you know, or can readily find out, about fully inclusive ministerial associations in your state. Not all instances are clear-cut of course; some groups will be partly integrated, some will be planning it, otherss will have committees that meet jointly, and so on. We would be as interested in these qualifications a s in the open-and-shut cases.

I don't want to add an undue burden to your already heavy schedule, and I make this request on the assumption that you will not find it necessary to do more than check with one or two strategically situated persons in your state — for example, the president or executive director of the state council of churches. If it turns out to be a big, time-consuming project, let me know and we will consider other channels of information.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

June 21, 1955

FBR:

I take it we made a mistake in listing Dick Foster as staying on the SRC Board. Maybe when we wrote the letter we didn't know that Claude Evans had replaced Dick Foster. I have written Mrs. Spearman as attached.

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 21, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Evidently my letter to you of June 9th on Board membership was in error. I should not have signed it without careful scrutiny.

Mrs. Paul is ex-officio by election in South Carolina, and Claude Evans is ex-officio as present Chairman of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. When the Chairmanship shifted from Foster to Evans, Foster's position on the Board (which was ex-officio) likewise shifted to Evans. Elections-at-large to the Board of SRC are made only by the annual meeting of the Board, so that this office naturally has no power to put or retain anybody on the Board.

I am sorry to lose Dick Foster whom I like, but these are the rules.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

June 10, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you very much for sending us the names of the persons from South Carolina on the S. R. C. Board.

You will note that all of these, with the exception of Ralph Barbare, are also serving on our Board.

I am so glad that Richard Foster is being retained on the S. R. C. Board. I shall appreciate it personally if you can find time to write ~~him, and~~ thank Dick for his service with the S. C. Division.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

P.S. Your letter concerning fellows is helpful. Received this a.m.
A.N.S.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

June 28, 1955

JUN 29 1955

Mr. Fleming,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

The enclosure has recently been called to our attention. We are sharing it with you, feeling that you will be interested also.

Sincerely yours,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig
Dictated, signed in absence.

P. S. Please call this to the attention of Geo. Mitchell, Mrs. Tilly, and Mr. Fred Routh.

1 enclosure, to be returned.

Thanks. We read this with interest
HCF

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

June 29, 1955

Mr. Harold Fleming,
Director of Information,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Enclosed you will find a copy of an editorial from the Florence Morning News, Friday, June 17, 1955.

This is being sent you for your consideration, and we hope the article can be used to advantage.

Cordially yours,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

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Editorial: Florence Morning News
Friday Morning, June 17

WE CAN'T WIN!

S. C. COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Shortly after the United States Supreme Court handed down its implementation decree, this newspaper expressed the editorial opinion that in the final analysis the South will have to yield.

An editorial entitled "Segregation Going," in this newspaper said:

"In our section there can be little thought of bending to the will of the NAACP--but we had better evaluate our probable losses and see how they compare to the limited gains in time.

"Any changes we make in our programs of education should be made in full acceptance of the fact that the South cannot maintain its policies of racial segregation for any length of time into the future."

Since the Court's publication of its implementation decree, the Southland has been feeding itself large doses of self-delusion and false hope. Politicians, writers, wishful-thinkers and the unthinking have been telling our people that the Court's decree can be defeated and will be defeated.

The Court's decree will not be defeated.

South Carolina's people need to hear realism. They need to hear truth. They need to prepare themselves for a realistic future--not an impossible future constructed out of the words and blind hopes of those who have not accepted the inevitable.

None of us want to admit that desegregation is to be a fact. But, our unwillingness to make such an admission does not negate the truth.

This state's leaders are on the verge of destroying the public school system. Or, they say they are on the verge of so doing. We don't think they will.

Sure they will abolish a few public schools--in Clarendon County for example--but such actions will be an effort to gain time.

Any maneuver will be an attempt to buy time--time for our people to admit that the inevitable must be accepted.

This state's officials are, in effect, going to cut the dog's tail off--a little piece at the time. This will not change the final picture--it will make the change more painful and more expensive.

Some of our political "thinkers" are advocating Constitutional changes to allow the South to keep segregation. This isn't thinking, it is political eyewash. The editorial mentioned earlier expressed an opinion we think holds true now--and for the future; the opinion that "The South is a minority section and will receive less than minority consideration."

Southern Senators cannot get legislation through Congress in support of segregation; nor can the South expect the necessary support to pass a Constitutional amendment in support of its position.

Walter George of Georgia, one of the most outstanding statesmen our section has produced, reduced the blind hopes of a few to simple truth the other day when he told pro-segregationists that the most the South could do in the Senate would be to take negative action in matters of segregation.

The South has the Congressional strength to stop unfavorable legislation--it does not have the strength to pass legislation it wants in this field.

This is the age of sociological change. We don't like it. We don't want it. But, we can't stop it. How can we hope to preserve sectional institutions that are not legal in approxiamtely three fourths of the nation?

We as a section, expect great favor and comfort from our Federal judges. Those who encourage this hope for favor and comfort are fooling the people.

Pro-segregationists cannot look to Ashton Williams, Cecil Wyche and George Bell Timmerman for special favor. Those men are judges. They have taken an oath to uphold the law of the land. The Supreme Court has defined this law, and these men will uphold the law.

Legal brains all over the South can cry against the Court's decision and "prove" how the Court is wrong. They forget one important fact--the Supreme Court is made up of nine men, and it is the final court of appeals. This group of Southerners able to "prove" the Court wrong do not speak from the bench of the top court and they will not beegiven the opportunity to do so.

The Court has decided, and the Court will not change. This is not a period of going back. Initial mistakes in the field of sociology are not corrected by court reversals.

South Carolina can't spend its historic life in fighting lost battles. In orde to make progress and shape the best possible life for our people, we must learn to accept the things we don't want as well as those we do want. We must learn to accept things we don't want when we lack the ability to change these things.

We cannot change the Court's decision. We have got to live with it. We can start living with it today, tomorrow or next year--but we are going to live with it.

This should be told to the people of South Carolina. The only decision facing our people is how much energy, effort and expense they want to exchange for a limited amount of time.

The only thing that can be gained is a short time--what price is our section willing to pay for a short time? This is the issue. Segregation vs desegregation is no longer an issue--it is no longer a debate--it is no longer a contest. The issue has been resolved. There is to be no more segregation.

Face it. Ask state officials to be honest. Then, move as close to objectivity as is possible when facing an emotional issue, and ask yourself what price you and your children want to pay for a short period of time.

There is nothing "cowardly" about stopping a fight when you've been beaten--hands down. It is a little insane to waste your institutions, resources, progress and possible future after you have lost the fight.

Segregation is going--it's all but gone. South Carolina and the rest of the South can't reverse the trend.

We can fight--and will fight; but let's be honest with ourselves and ask how hard we want to fight when we know we can't win.

July 12, 1955.

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

As to the several matters raised by your recent letter:

(1) We will be glad to have you use copies of Mr. Wright's statement on the Supreme Court May 31st ruling. As you may have noted, it was printed on page 5 of the June issue of New South. If you prefer to distribute it separately, you may mimeograph it or we will mimeograph the required number of copies at cost. I take it that the statement will have been available to all members of the South Carolina Council through New South.

(2) There is a directory of foundations published, I believe, by the Russell Sage Foundation. I will track down further particulars and let you know.

(3) Marion Wright sent us a copy of the enclosed editorial from the Florence Morning News with the strong recommendation that it be reprinted in New South and the further suggestion that the South Carolina Council might reproduce and distribute "a few thousand copies" within the state. We are planning to reprint it in New South. Please write me your reaction to Mr. Wright's second suggestion.

(4) We do not have copies of a comprehensive answer to the various charges made against the Southern Regional Council. I hope eventually to develop a full scale treatment of the subject for the information and guidance of the state organizations.

Meanwhile, I enclose a memorandum proposed for the confidential use of a newspaper friend of ours. If it does not meet your immediate needs, I will get up any additional information you wish.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vd

Encs.

P.S. Thank you very much for the copies of the student statement at Junaluska and the article on Adult Education and Desegregation. They are both of great interest.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

July 8, 1955

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

At a recent meeting of our executive committee, on June 22, the suggestion was made that we attempt to secure from you thirty to fifty copies of your news review, issued shortly after the May 31 Supreme Court ruling - the release which carried the statement made by SRC's President, Mr. Marion Wright.

It is our idea that we should like to distribute these to members of our board of directors and other key persons whose interest we are cultivating.

Unfortunately this release was not carried in any of our S. C. papers. At least, we have not been able to learn of its having been carried, therefore, if you can make these copies available to us, we shall greatly appreciate it.

We shall gladly bear any expense involved in reproducing them.

Appreciatively yours,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

July 6, 1955

Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Asst. Dir.,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Harold:

I have numerous requests for information about Foundations. Can you send me sources from which names and addresses of Foundations may be secured?

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

P. S. May we have a copy of the reply your office made to the charges regarding communist connections of SRC staff and board members?

A. N. S.

July 21, 1955.

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

The best price we can make on New South is 15 c. per copy. The going price for a single copy is 20 c. but in the case of a state affiliate, and particularly in the case of a quantity order, 15 c. is enough (and no doubt seems too much, but they cost us about 12 c. apiece for print).

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

July 19, 1955

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

RE: NEW SOUTH

We would appreciate your quoting to us the price of one copy of New South, also in packs of 50 and 100. Do you yet have many copies of the June issue?

Kind regards.

Yours truly,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

July 25, 1955.

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Alice:

George has given me your letter to him of July 22 to answer. The answer to your first question is: the meeting of the SRC board will take place in Tuskegee, Alabama, November 9. At the present time, we have no plan for the staff meeting then, but this will be brought up for consideration at the next executive committee meeting and you will be notified of any decision well in advance of the time the meeting is to be held.

You asked George for any lead which might be helpful growing out of the conferences with the labor unions this summer and I will leave that for him to reply to. As you may have guessed, he is out of town, teaching at another labor school, this time in Virginia; last week, it was in Arkansas.

Thanks for sending him your answer to my memo so promptly. This makes the administration of this phase of SRC work much more easy to accomplish.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

P.S. Frank Loescher did not get to South Carolina because he was called back to New York for aconference on other matters before he completed his swing of our state organizations. You can reach him: % Fund for the Republic, 1 East 54th Street, New York 22, N.Y.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 LADY STREET
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Fred, to reply, & hand to me for last ff. Eh

July 22, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

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I have no plan for

Give me the date of the board meeting in November, 1955. Will our state staff meeting be held at the same time?

In Nashville I heard that there was a possibility that our meetings might be held in New Orleans. Please confirm place.

Miss Adele Minahan, executive secretary, of the S. C. Conference of Social Work, has offered us the date of Nov. 11 for a meeting to be held during the State Conference of Social Work annual meeting. Therefore, I am eager to avoid conflict.

I have never heard more compliments paid you than I did following your address at the Twelfth Annual Institute on Race Relations, at Fisk. We were very proud of you.

When you can spare time please give us any leads which may be helpful growing out of your conferences with A. F. of L. and C. I. O. groups this summer.

Faithfully yours,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

August 1, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Since Harold is now on vacation, the pleasant task of answering your letter has fallen to me.

We are looking forward to yourorder of New South as you indicate in your letter.

Since we are printing the Florence editorial in New South, I do not see a great deal of need for your reprinting it anyway.

If I can be of any help to you while Harold is away for the next two weeks, please let me know.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/vc

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ans. Aug 1, 1955

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

July 25, 1955

Dear Harold Fleming,

Sec'y. has gone home, so you'll bear with my typing? Just hate to put off answering your letter any longer and am getting in the field again tomorrow.

I do not think we shall want to have a large number of the Florence News Editorials duplicated for distribution. The State office of the NAACP did that. We have distributed some for them.

We are at the present trying different tactics. There is an immediate recoil if one approaches anyone on a basis of advocacy. After this week, I shall know more fully whether or not we are on the right track for S.C. I think that we are. More of this later.

I talked with ministers of several denominations who are in the know-- several on our Board. Nome of them know of any interracial ministerial assnciations. The nearest to it about which I know is the Spartanburg assoviation which holds quarterly meetings with the Negor ministers---- this isn't integration!

Until our Executive Committee completes the list it is making for complimentary ~~xxxxx~~ subs. to New South, I shall order some separately on the basis set forth in your letter received today. Thank you for sending the information. I'll place an order soon.

Appreciatively yours,

Alice

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

Dictated August 1 August 4, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Very few South Carolina people seem to have come to the CIO conference I talked to in July at Junaluska, or at the A. F. of L. one I talked to in July at Charlottesville. Both groups were a little sticky, but I would say that two-thirds of each group were trying to come around to the better side of the question.

If I had any news to give you I would, but there seems to be next to no South Carolina people who attended either one.

I am looking forward to a chance to talk to you about how the labor people are doing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

CH

What do you hear. find out, and advise?

GM

Aug 10. '55

Although I have heard nothing about Mr. McCain - I would advise that the recommendation of Mr. John F. Potts should be sufficient -

CH.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

AUG 9 1955

1508 LADY STREET
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Aug. 8, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell: ATTENTION: MR. FRED ROUTH

After many interviews with applicants and prospective persons for the position of assistant director, the executive committee is recommending the employment of Mr. James T. McCain, 317 W. Bartlette St., Sumter, S. C. for this position.

Mr. McCain was graduated from Morris College, Sumter, S. C. with an A. B. degree. He received his Master's degree from Temple University, at Philadelphia, Pa. His teaching experience and administrative positions have been held in several communities in South Carolina. His longest tenure has been at Morris College. There he held several different professorships and finally became dean.

He has worked actively and cooperatively in community organizations where he has lived. He is currently serving as treasurer of the Palmetto Education Association, which he formerly served as president.

Mr. McCain has been enthusiastically endorsed by leading Negroes. Mr. John F. Potts and Mr. Paul Webber, members of our Board, whom you know personally, have worked with him directly in the Palmetto Education Association. We believe you will like Mr. McCain, and hope that you will find it possible to approve our placing him on our payroll at an early date. Mr. McCain is standing by, and will report for work as soon as we receive your approval.

We shall be in our office the remainder of the week - or at least until through Thursday. If you wish to reach us by telephone the number is 6-8808. As you may well imagine, we are eager for prompt action in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

Note: called Alice 10 Aug 55 and verbally gave okay re Mr. McCain.
FBR

August 10, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I have your letter of August 8 regarding the employment of Mr. James T. McCain. I believe on the basis of the recommendation of Mr. Potts and Mr. Wether that he is a fully qualified person. His college background with a Master's Degree from Temple University is most encouraging.

I suggest that you place him on active duty as quickly as possible. August 15 might be a convenient date.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

August 12, 1955.

Mrs. A. N. Spaulman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Alice:

In regard to your letter of August 10 concerning copies of Lillian Smith's book, I am sorry but I do not have any more copies of the book and do not contemplate ordering any more for distribution at this time.

I am sure that you can get copies of this book at your newstand; if not, let me know and I will get you some copies from the newstand here.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/vc

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

AUG 11 1955

1508 LADY STREET
COLUMBIA, S. C.

August 10, 1955

Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

We would appreciate your sending us two copies of "Now Is the Time" by Lillian Smith.

Miss Stoney advised our office that we might order these paper-backed books through your office. Send invoice.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

AUG 23 1955

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Aug. 22, 1955

RE: "Special School Segregation Committee to Meet Today."

Mr. Fred B. Routh,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Routh:

Attached is a clipping from the Columbis, S. C. newspaper on Aug. 17, we feel you will be interested in. Please also call it to the attention of Mr. Fleming.

Yours truly,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

P.S. Legal staff appointed headed by F.W. Robinson of Columbia who was formerly state chm. of S.C. Div. S.R.C.

52 signatures to a petition re States Rights represent "the respectable" some of whom were with us in the past. Alice.

Things "popping rapidly – Petitions followed by economic reprisals. A.

August 25, 1955.

Mrs. A. N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

We are glad to make the arrangement for the South Carolina Council to receive 30 copies of each issue of New South, beginning with the June issue and continuing until such time as you ask us to terminate it. 30 copies of the June and the July-August issues have been sent. Ruth Alexander, our Secretary-Treasurer, advises me that we would prefer to bill you each time a mailing is sent. The figures as you quote them are correct.

Our first attempt yesterday to find 3 copies of Lillian Smith's book was unsuccessful. We will look some more, however, and I am reasonably confident that we can find them for you.

All best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Aug. 23, 1955

AUG 24 1955

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

ATTN.: Mr. John Constable

Dear Mr. Fleming:

We would appreciate your sending us three copies, paper bound, of "Now Is the Time," by Lillian Smith.

We have checked our newstands here, and are unable to get the pocket edition.

Please bill us, and we shall send a check. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

AUG 23 1955

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Aug. 17, 1955

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

RE: NEW SOUTH

We would appreciate your putting our name on the mailing list for 30 copies of the June, July, and months to follow for the New South.

We believe from your letter of July 21, they are at a rate of 15¢ for 30 copies.

Do you wish to bill us at this time for $9.00, or shall be pay at the termination of this special arrangement? Our Board of Directors wish this done for a period of enlightenment of key persons, which arrangement will not last too long. Please advise.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

/ig

September 13, 1955

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

My apology for not answering your recent letters sooner. We have recently had a spell of no secretarial assistance.

As to the question about New South, some special effort is required to send it in a plain envelope; however, we can do so for a limited number-say, a total of forty copies. We should prefer to have at least the street address (minus "New South" and "SRC") shown on the envelope otherwise we have no way of knowing whether the New South is reaching the subscriber, and you would be surprised to know how many changes of address and other confusion arise. Please advise us as to whether it will be satisfactory to show the return address as "Room 405 - 63 Auburn Avenue N. E., Atlanta, Georgia."

The various items you have been sending help us greatly to keep informed. I can well understand how difficult the work of the South Carolina Council is at this time.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . . HAROLD C. FLEMING . . . .

8/26/55

RA -

Woe! Woe!
What do we
say?

HCF

If not in "Pull out for postal Inspection" envelope, it will cost 3¢ sealed. That's the only difference I can see. They only weigh 1 oz. They have to let us know which is which (teachers, I mean).

no return postage guarantee -

40 -
List -

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Aug. 25, 1955

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

We would like to have your thinking on this matter. Can the New South be sent forth in a plain envelope? The reason we are asking this is that we have some persons, especially school teachers, who are members and prospective members who are afraid for materials to be sent them opened and identified. They fear that economic reprisals will be brought in localities where there is tenseness.

We quote below from a newspaper item, Aug. 18, 1955, The State, Columbia:

"Not a Negro in McCormick County is registered" he (Representative John Arch Talbor of McCormick) said when asked the strength of the Negro vote. The population of the county, he said, was about sixty per cent Negro."

We have not checked this, but we expect to get the facts why Negroes have not been allowed to register in McCormick County.

Yours sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

/ig

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Sept. 3, 1955

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

We thought perhaps you had not seen the article about the Funds for the Republic, and would want to do so. The enclosed appeared in the Columbia Record this week. The other enclosures will be self-explanatory.

We are particularly upset over the resolution which is being circulated. Most of the fifty-two men who signed originally are men of influence and prestige. Their actions knocked the props from under us, at the moment. However, you can count upon us to get up and start running again. Mr. Beverly Herbert, attorney of Columbia, was at one time chairman of our State group. Unfortunately, there are very few persons of prestige upon whom we can count at this time.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

Also sent to Mr. Haas Ltr Alice Spearman - 9/24/55
data sheet
S. C. Council report by W. D. Workman, Jr.

FILE COPY

cc: Mr. Leonard Haas
FBR

October 4, 1955

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Your letter of September 24th came when I was on the point of heading up to New York for some occasion or other.

It seemed to us here wisest to have a whirl at trying to get the Coca Cola Company to clean up this matter itself. We supposed that if Coca Cola straightened it out, a good deal of reflected pressure would come to bear on the other officials.

In New York I had opportunity to visit, on Thursday, September 29th, one Thomas Paradine who I think was an assistant to Vice-President Gelbert. I originally asked for the President of the Company, Mr. Robertson, but he is abroad. Mr. Paradine made very careful notes from my dictation as to the exact individuals and firms in Summerton for whom delivery had been refused, and of dates and of particulars. He sent for certain records which established that the Sumter Bottling Concern is a sub-firm to the major one in Columbia. He further told me that it is a peculiar feature of the Coca Cola structure that bottling firms, generally speaking, hold irrevocable and perpetual licenses from the parent company, and that, therefore, the Coca Cola Company itself (engaged in the manufacture of the juice) has little real authority over bottling concerns.

It has, of course, a power of inspection of cleanliness and accuracy of mix, but except persuasively we no more.

I was careful not to make threats, but I am satisfied that Mr. Paradine drew the conclusion that our first effort would be to cause the Company to correct a local pressure which quite obviously would be resented nationally.

If in ten day or two weeks time you will advise forther as to whether the Coca Cola people have resumed delivery to the concerns in Summerton, we will be prepared to advise with you on an alternative course of action.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

FILE COPY

October 5, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

There is a man in Greenville named James H. Witherspoon of 121 Croft Street who, I hear, is interested in our sort of thing. If you have some device for cultivating him, you might try it.

White man with experience in the textile industry. Said to have strong sentiments on behalf of people's rights.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

FILE COPY

October 6, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

A couple of days ago I was in conversation with people in the Atlanta office of the United Rubber Workers of America, CIO. They told me that they are having a peculiar difficulty at Charleston in your state.

They had begun an organizing campaign in the Raybestos Company factory and were doing quite well. The Raybestos process involves the use of some persons whose main skill is rubber, and other persons whose main skill is textiles. All progressed nicely and a very considerable majority of the workers in both groups had signed pledges indicating their wish to be part of a recognized group. At which point the Charleston Citizens Council stepped in and with typical anti-integration arguments so disturbed the unity involved that at subsequent meetings only a small turnout appeared. There seems also some affect in driving a wedge between the specifically rubber workers and the textile part of the job.

This matter was broached to me because of my long standing friendship with people in the union and I do not regard it as public property. But it is obviously a matter of deep interest for South Carolina and for the whole South if Citizens Councils get in the way of union organization, economic progress, and wage increases, it won't be long before a majority of the people will draw a conclusion that Citizens Councils are bad for them.

So, I would advise you to use your best resources for staying pretty closely in touch with that matter in Charleston (and anywhere else it may appear). Sooner or later it will probably be helpful to produce a written story of the matter. So I suggest that you be sure your files contain names and dates and historically accurate accounts of the events.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Oct. 17, 1955

Mr. Harold Fleming,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

RE: WHAT WE BELIEVE

We have sent this to editors of S. C. dailies -- don't believe ever published in any of them.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

P.S. Error above - we didn't send both the C.M.E. conf. div. & public rel. div.
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Public Relations Division,
C. M. E. Conference
The Rt. Rev. J. Claude Allen, Presiding Bishop

Ninth Episcopal District,
C. M. E. Church

To the Editor:

Following is a statement, "WHAT WE BELIEVE," was released as an expression of policy and conviction during the annual conference of the CME Church, just closed in Greenville, South Carolina, Sept. 15-17, 1955

WHAT WE BELIEVE

The South Carolina Annual Conference of the C. M. E. Church issued the following statement during its annual session (Sept. 15-17) just closed.

Much is being said and done concerning the Decisions handed down by the Supreme Court of the United States in May of 1954 and May of 1955. The C. M. E. Church, along with other church groups, feels that it must make its position known.

As American Citizens, we believe in the Constitution of the United States of America and subscribe to its tenets completely. In keeping with our training, we propose to uphold the law by living and working entirely within the framework of the Constitution of our Great Nation. We seek the rights of first-class citizens, but we seek no special favors.

We are opposed to any class legislation, whether in our interests or against us. We are further opposed to any type of organization that seeks to defeat the purpose of the Supreme Law of this Land.

We admonish all of our own people to be law-abiding citizens, keeping all of the laws, including the law of God, - seeking every right of any other citizen of the land; seeking no more, accepting no less.

Signed:

The Rt. Rev. J. Claude Allen, Presiding Bishop

The Rev. G. W. Washington, Greenville

The Rev. R. O. Bass, Columbia

The Rev. J. A. Jowers, Charleston

The Rev. D. W. Boston, Allendale

The Rev. N. L. Linsey, Charleston

FILE COPY

October 19, 1955

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Your letter requesting information on the Citizens' Council has been referred to me.

We don't have much information which would throw light on sources of finance, except what has been published in the daily papers. You may have seen reference to membership lists which have been carried in the paper. There is a group called the "Federation for Constitutional Government." The Board of Directors of this group contains some of the same names as State Citizens' Council and groups similar to them.

I am enclosing a copy of a Texas newspaper which carries a good account of the organization of the Citizens' Council in Kilgore. In the future, we expect to do a comprehensive round-up on the Citizens' Council and similar groups. Until then, we will let you know if we discover anything significant.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/ys
Enclosure

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Hof to respond

OCT 10 1955

Oct. 8, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your recent communications. As soon as Mr. McCain comes in, I will have him follow up on the matter covered in your letter of Oct. 6 on the Raybestos Company. It happened that this Company is on my list for soliciting funds. We shall resolve this situation in some way, I am sure.

Does the Council have any information on the Citizens' Councils? Would the information throw light on any possible source of finance? The only set of materials which we have actually seen, came from the Kingstree Council. They have eminated from Mississippi.

I have strong suspicion that there may be a common denominator in the public pronouncements being made by our officials relative to a third party at the national level, The Committee of Fifty-two, the States' Rights League, and the Citizens' Councils. At least, there does seem to be movement in the direction of consolidation. Your reaction, please.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

OCT 24 1955

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Oct. 22, 1955

Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Attached you will find a copy of a confidential statement which has been brought into this office, together with a copy of a copy of a letter which was received by Rev. De Laine.

This information is for your file.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

/lg

Confidential

By chance certain bits of information have been uncovered concerning the shooting that was done by Rev. J. A. De Laine, of Lake City, South Carolina, Monday night, October 10, 1955, that has brought so much attention to the press and radio of South Carolina.

On the night of October 10, 1955 around 11:30 P. M. in the city of Lake City, South Carolina, a car driven by a person or persons unknown at that time, fired two shots into the home or at the home of Rev. De Laine. These shots were returned by the Rev. De Laine who also fired two shots at the car from which the firing was coming. Rev. De Laine was standing in his yard near his home when the first shot was fired from the moving car, when the second shot was fired, the Rev. De Laine fired back at the moving car. Whether he was in his yard by accident or was warned that this car was coming is not known.

After Rev. De Laine fired at the car and it drove away, he took his wife to the home of some friends in Lake City and returned to his home. There he remained for over an hour expecting the officers of the law to come to his home and investigate the shooting. When no officers came to his home he got in his car and drove down the main street of Lake City and out of town. He went to a friend of his in South Carolina and related what had happened and this friend gave him shelter. During the stay at this friend's, the idea of giving himself up to the sheriff was discussed, but the sheriff's office could not be reached that early in the morning. Rev. De Laine then went to bed and slept for several hours. When he awoke around noon, Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1955, the news of the shooting was on the air and he was to be apprehended on sight. The broadcast further stated that he was armed and dangerous. When this was learned the idea of giving himself up was out. He remained with his friend until the night of Oct. 11, 1955. Then he

was carried along with his wife to North Carolina to catch a plane for parts unknown. His wife left him, and returned to Columbia, South Carolina, where she is staying with relatives. It is believed that the person or persons who fired in the Rev. De Laine's home are the same ones who threw stones and bottles in his home a few weeks back. Rev. De Laine has received a threatening letter, telling him he had 10 days to leave town or suffer the consequences.

RATONS
STANDARD BOND

Copied from a copy of the original

J.A.Delane

we have been notofied by the best of authority that you are the one that started school segrigation mess at Manning,S.C.and that you was run out of manning four dirty work there. so you come to Lake City to continue your dirty filthy work. Maby you dont know Lake City but you are going to find out real soon.Several hundred of us have had a meeting and pleged our selves to put you where you belong, if there is such a place. I wonder if ever heard about the Negro Postmaster that was sent to Lake City and was notified to leve. He refused.However he left,but in a coffin. So we have decided to give you 10 days to leave Lake City and if you are not away by then rather than let you spread your dirty filthy poison here any longer. We have made plans to move you if it takes dynimite to do it. This is final

On envelope:

Rev. J.A.Delane. Collard

Post marked from Lake City,S.C. Oct. 7,1955 at 11:00A.M.

October 24, 1955

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Recently, I wrote you concerning the Citizens Council and similar organizations. In this morning's Constitution, an article concerning the "Federation for Constitutional Government", which I mentioned, appeared. Following is a copy of the article:

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5. "Seeking in every honorable and legitmate way to prohibit the practices and counteract the effects and consequences of executive agreements or orders, and of decisions of the federal courts and the U. S. Supreme court which have wrongfully abrogated, modified, or amended the provisions of the U. S. Constitution."

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The regional connections are quite apparent, aren't they?

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/ys

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Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/ys

November 4, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Here are the relevant paragraphs from Mrs. Birnie's letter to me of November 3rd, about which I telephoned your office today.

"You no doubt are aware of the fact that there is a terrific amount of interracial friction in Orangeburg that has come about as a result of several Negro citizens signing a petition to have the schools there integrated. This petition was and is an initial step on the part of the local NAACP to follow up the decision of the United States Supreme Court. A white citizens council has been organized; economic pressure has been brought on those Negroes who happen to be vulnerable to this sought [sort] of thing; Negroes have retaliated by boycotting many of the white store owners who have joined the citizens council.

The situation has reached an impasse in my opinion. The white citizens appear to have a desire at this time to quell this disturbance, of one can believe what they read in the local editorial. I am confident that the Negroes also would like to quiet the situation, not however, by giving up their plans for following through on their petition. At any rate, the situation is such that in my opinion, the Southern Regional Council would be just the organization to go into that town and State and constitute the much needed meeting ground or bargaining center somewhere between the NAACP and the Citizens Council for right action.

I think this would be a very effective job for the South Carolina division with the cooperation of the regional office.

I trust that you will give this matter every consideration.

Very truly yours,

/s/
Cassandra Maxwell Birnie "

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 7, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

The By-Laws of the Southern Regional Council give the two members representing each state organization (that is to say the two ex-officio members) exactly equal powers with all other members of the Board.

That means voice vote and everything else.

Here is a copy of the By-Laws as they sit at present.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

NOV 5 1955

Nov. 2, 1955

Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Several prominent persons, formerly on our board, have raised the question with us as to the status of South Carolina's ex-officio members on the SRC Board.

Is this ex-officio status with or without vote?

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

Enclosures: Newspaper clippings, The State, Columbia, S. C.

Race Preservation or Petty Prejudice, by R. B. Herbert, 10-30-55;
Dabbs Presents Arguments Against Herbert's Article, 11-2-55.

Mrs. E. H. Spearman,
South Carolina Council on Human Relations,
1508, Lady Street,
Columbia, S. C.

December 5th, 1955.

Dear Mrs. Spearman,

A couple of years ago we had an idea knocking around that our State people in each one could set up a body of distinguished citizens in some rough parallel to the State School Board, only ours would honestly represent all the people of the State. Then you fine paid executives would do the hard work of digging out the facts for the unofficial Board, about the schools and what to do. Thereafter on each occasion that the sure enough State School Board came out with some wickedness-inspired plan to avoid doing what was lawful and educationally right, the unofficial Board would call in the Press and give really helpful advice. That was thought of as a powerfully educational device, anent public opinion. I stillthink it would be. And it could also be done locally.

Last month our Virginia group fired to the idea, and spoke the truth in a way that was listened to. Here 'tis.

I think when the history of the ultimate desegregation of the schools in that state is written the book will say that the thing began to turn toward achievement when the lesson of this newspaper story had had time (sorry to say it takes that in the Old Dominion) to sink in.

We've told the Board people about this.

Mrs. E. H. Spearman,
South Carolina Council on Human Relations. December 5th, 1955.

I hope you will like the idea staffwise, and do so much of it, in such and such a modified way, as may seem suitable in your situation.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

P.S.
Observe that the Virginia Council nowhere presumes to advise people in any local community as to the rate at which desegregation should occur; it just says that if citizens, white and Negro, work together on the matter we have faith that they can reach wise and workable agreement.

GSM:rl.
2 encls.

December 14, 1955

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Exec. Dir.
THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Many thanks for the Travelstead material. I have been intending to write or call you about it so it is doubly welcome.

We should like very much to run in New South that portion of his speech which deals with the question of school segregation. We would probably accompany it with some of the editorial excerpts and/or comments of our own.

If you are in touch with Mr. Travelstead, I will appreciate your asking his permission. In any case, I will write him myself somewhere along the line.

As soon as the matter of permission is settled, we can work out the arrangements for reprints.

Thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Dec. 12, 1955

Mr. Harold Fleming,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

We are enclosing a copy of a letter which Dr. Chester C. Travelstead wrote to Gov. George Bell Timmerman. Also, a copy of the address which he made before the University of S. C. summer school students. These documents, no doubt, explain his dismissal from the University.

The day after we distributed a few mimeographed copies of the Travelstead' address, we had numerous requests for copies. It has occurred to me that if you think it would be at all feasible to use either or both of these documents in the NEW SOUTH, we believe that we could arrange through Dr. Travelstead for permission to do so. If you should publish his address, we should like to have reprints made for wide distribution in South Carolina. You might feel that it might be advisable to make a digest of the first part of his address, and only use the last part in toto. Any way, we trust that you will give us your prompt reaction to this matter, so that we can plan accordingly.

No doubt there are several newspapers in the state which would gladly publish his address, if it does not fit into your plans for the NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

December 22, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman, Exec. Dir.
SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I have notified Frank Loescher of your meeting on Wednesday, January 11. I hope that it will be possible for him to make it. We do not have his itinerary yet. There is a tentative one that GSM made for him but I don't want to forward it to you until we receive confirmation from Frank.

The very best of everything at this Christmas Season. Keep up the good work.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Dec. 14, 1955

Mr. Fred B. Routh,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Routh:

In reply to your memorandum relative to the availability of Mr. Frank Loescher during the month of January, this is to let you know that our quarterly board meeting has been scheduled to meet at the Methodist Center, 1420 Lady St., Columbia, S. C., on Wednesday, January 11, at 2 o'clock. We hope very much that Mr. Loescher and any of you from the Central Office who may be available may attend this meeting. Further, we should be very happy to have opportunity for conferences with Mr. Loescher. We understand that you will let us have his itinerary as soon as it is completed. Thank you.

We are just now planning with some of our local units to use Miss Irene Osborne. She had invited us to correspond with her as plans developed. Are we to understand from the S. R. C. Newsletter that it would perhaps be better to postpone such correspondence until after the first of the year? We had felt that it would be well to have her with us at the time of our annual meeting, also. However, we had felt that the tentatively scheduled date in February was a little early for our membership meeting. I noticed that you think it may be necessary to reschedule her itinerary. This is to say that if such is done, we hope that Irene's visit to us may come sometime in March.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

January 4, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Exec. Dir.
SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Greetings as I am getting back to work and ready to start out again. I am extremely sorry that my illness prevented seeing you at the North Carolina meeting and making the trip with you to South Carolina.

I am now beginning to think ahead to my trip to South Carolina February 13-17. I find it helpful to do some advance planning about plans for the trips and I hope we can begin correspondence soon about South Carolina plans. Since I am to be out of the office most of the time until then, I want to be sure that we are able to communicate while I am on the road. From January 16 to January 27, I will be in the Philadelphia office of the American Friends Service Committee, 20 South 12th Street. I suggest that you write to me there, as I will receive mail promptly and will be able to make prompt replies. I will not be back to the Atlanta office until February 6. During that week, we will do some last minute checking but I hope we can do some preliminary correspondence before then.

Best regards to all of you there. I am looking forward to seeing all of you again and to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne.

IO:mf

Staff

January 4, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

The Council wishes to compile a list of the communities in each state in which a local committee has been established to advise the school board relative to the U. S. Supreme Court's decisions on segregation in the public schools.

Mr. Routh informed me that the North Carolina Council on Human Relations has written each of the 174 school superintendents in that state in order to collect this information. I wonder if your office has made such a study or if we might secure your cooperation through the assumption of this project. We are especially desirous of learning which committees are interracial. If any additional information (such as presentation, acceptance, or rejection of reports) is available, that too would be helpful. The enclosed form shows one method in which your information might be summarized and reported to this office.

We hope that it will be convenient for you to provide the above information or undertake the suggested project very shortly.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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Enclosure

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This letter was not sent

January 8, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1508 Lady St.,
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Many thanks for news about meeting January 11 being moved to January 15. I've sent word along the line to Loescher, ahead of time, telling him Board meeting's out, but he, Loescher, should stop by and see you and the others at 1508 Lady Street, and I hope and expect he will. Also, on urging from Dabbs, I have urged Loescher to go to Dabb's house, anyway, and talk with Mrs. Dabbs, whom I regard as a stateswoman in her own right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

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Jan. 4, 1956

Mr. Fred Routh,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Fred:

One of the most important matters to be considered at our regular quarterly board meeting will be our over-all finance campaign. Due to the fact that Mr. Dabbs has just notified us he will be out of the state on Jan. 11, the date on which we had scheduled our meeting, we have communicated with him today and postponed the meeting until January 15. We regret this very much, due to the fact that Mr. Loescher may have scheduled his visit to fit the Jan. 11 date. However, Mr. Dabbs is chairman of our finance committee and it is necessary for him to be present in order to present the over-all plan to the board and enlist the cooperation and participation of all members. You will understand this, I am sure.

I understood that Mr. Loescher is anxious to see Mr. Dabbs, when he is here, also. Mr. Dabbs will be in Nashville, Tenn., January 10 through 12. If you will send me Mr. Loscher's address, I shall gladly inform him of our changed plans. You may find it quicker to do so from that end.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

January 17, 1956

Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Executive Director
SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Sorry to notify you of the death of Dr.W.W. Alexander, at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, January 13.

It was Dr. Alexander who carried the earliest and first burden of organized interracial work in the Southern States. He was the head staff man of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation from its beginning in 1919 until it was succeeded by the Southern Regional Council, in 1944.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

January 20, 1956

To each State Director:

Three years ago when this booklet came out we mailed a copy to a goodish number of Church leaders over the South. So far as I know each copy found its way to the waste paper basket or dead files.

Now the subject is, to say the least, timely.

By great good fortune a tiny stack was discovered in a neighboring office. Here is one for you.

I have only four left, but I have ordered some more from South Africa.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

RECEIVED JAN 24 1956

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Jan. 23, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear George:

We were saddened by the news that your letter of January brought, notifying us of the death of Dr. W. W. Alexander.

Not only are we appreciative of your thoughtfulness in letting us hear of Dr. Alexander's death, but also we are reminded again forcibly of your foresight and helpfulness in making it possible for us to have a meeting with Dr. Alexander at Chapel Hill last spring. It was a memorable occasion and helped to give us the spiritual and moral reenforcement that has helped a lot.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

February 22, 1956

Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

About agricultural credit.

My advice, for what it is worth, to all and sundry has been, "Don't you go setting up an agricultural credit agency. You will be ten years extricating yourself, you will be drained of administrative money to keep it going, and you'll get drawn in deeper and deeper. Besides, doing the credit is the very business of the Farmers Home Administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture." And notice this: FHA has long put out the rule to its local people, "Lend no money to anybody who won't bring a note from his banker saying the bank won't lend him the money (or won't at passable rates of interest)." In these instances the Government is hooked on its own caution: here are the banks that say spitefully, "No, we won't lend you any money." So the man's proper and authorized recourse is to the Farmers Home Administration. It has or can get the money, and has the administrative machinery. Only thing it probably hasn't got is the will and the independence to act. That the present National Administration will have to put in. If they won't, I don't know how to get the credit out.

All of which info I have passed on to people who ought to be able to do something about it.

I don't know what happens about the extra money for 1956-57, and on present showing, don't know where it would come from.

So you'd better count on trying to raise it. But as the months wear along there may be some hope of further help on that from here.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 LADY STREET
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Feb. 20, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

On the basis of reports by Mr. McCain, it seems there is immediate need for a project to help finance the purchase of seed and fertilizer for this years' crops for Negroes from whom "advances" are being withheld. There is also a need for long range planning and programing to meet crises arising out of the economic reprisals.

Because of your interest and experience with the Rural Resettlement Administration, we feel that you have a contribution to make to our thinking and planning. Can you spare the time to pay us a visit soon? We would like your help.

It has occurred to me that foundation support might be forthcoming for a specific project directed to meeting emerging needs.

What hope is there that the Fund for the Republic may help us to retain our associate director through 1956-1957?

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

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COLUMBIA, S. C.

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Feb. 24, 1956

Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Congratulations to you for securing for us the services of Irene Osborne last week. It would take a face to face, and more time than either of us could spare, for me to tell you how helpful her visit was. We feel that her approach is very practical and extremely helpful.

If it is possible to have her work with us again, any time in the future, we shall appreciate your helping to make this possible.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

February 25, 1956

Mrs. AlicedSpearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Thank you for your letter forwarding the advertisement sponsored by the Citizens Council. I have copied it and am enclosing the original. We rely entirely on your judgment as to which clippings we should see. Please be sure to advise us when you want them returned, so that we may be sure to do so.

I'm glad to learn the way has been cleared for your newsletter. As to the question you raise, I have asked Fred Routh to include a note in the next newsletter to the effect that all material in State bulletins should be considered reprintable unless clearly marked otherwise.

I do feel, however, that each State office must develop much of its own material in terms of specific conditions and needs in that particular State. We will be glad to furnish any information we may have on hand or to advise in any way on the preparation of the State newsletters. Feel free to call on us when we can help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

Encl.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 LADY STREET

COLUMBIA, S. C.

Feb. 23, 1956

Mr. Harold Fleming,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

You don't know how pleased I was at the SRC Newsletter's announcement, about your facilities for duplicating clippings. I hope that we can do a better job by you now that we have a way of getting our clippings returned. Please advise us if we should have some guidance as to what we send.

I feel that you will be interested in the paid advertisement which appeared in the Florence Morning News, Feb. 19, 1956, What Is the Citizens Council? Please return.

There had been some differences of opinion in our volunteer groups relative to what might be placed in a Newsletter to our members - you will realize that this is related to our groping after a suitable strategy for the present hysteria!

We more or less have the "green light" and are planning to put out our next bulletin quite soon.

We have been very much interested in the fine bulletins which several of the other states have issued. Dr. Jones, of North Carolina, seems to have briefed rather effectively what is going on legally in the states. Also, some of the coverage by Bob Hughes, in Alabama, has been exceptionally fine. It has occurred to me that it would represent considerable duplication of effort to present similar material to our members. I hope that the next time we all get together, or before if it can be worked out, that some plan may be made for your office to coordinate our efforts. Perhaps we could have an understanding of what the different states would cover and share with the others. I feel sure that such coordination could be helpful and effective. Your reaction please.

We are indebted to you and John Constable for a fine job!

Sincerely, Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Ex. Sec.

ANS/ig

February 27, 1956

Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

A good many evidences have appeared in the national press that the Communist Party would like to worm its way into the current civil rights issue in the South.

That being the case it may be expected that here and there they will try to gain a foothold in our State organizations.

This is an alert to be watchful. And to exclude from any influence in our organizations people not primarily devoted to the protection of American freedoms.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 27, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Glad you liked Irene; she is a peach. And it is a hard job she does.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 1, 1956

Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Recently in Washington I went to see the man who runs the Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice.

I wanted to tie us and you into his work.

He gave me a few copies of a talk he did a year or so ago, which tells just what his show can and cannot do. You should read it. And thereafter feel free (and invited) to let us or him know of suitable occasions for the concern of his Department and Section.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

REPLY TO LANIER HUNT

FILE COPY

March 5, 1956

Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I was told the other day of a case said to have arisen in South Carolina on which I undertook for my friend to obtain some further information. Will you be so kind as to use your channels to discover what you can on the tale?

'Tis said that about a month ago Jay Clark of Mullins, South Carolina, a schoolteacher, at his Church spoke against segregation and soon thereafter was dismissed from his job of teaching seventh grade at school. Man was a Baptist but I believe did his talk in a Methodist Church. Man is now employed at Bath, South Carolina. Clark's pastor was W.W. Lancaster at Mullins - Baptist.

My friend is concerned to know of any current needs that Mr. Clark may have at Bath.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman,
South Carolina Council on Human Relations,
1508 Lady Street,
Columbia, S. C.

March 6th, 1956.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Thanks for your letter and the interesting enclosures. We are returning separately those you wanted back.

We have very few copies of the recent release left; I'm enclosing several. The AP put out a good story. I'd be interested to hear of any use of it in South Carolina papers.

Phil. Hammer's address is 70 Fairlie Street, N. W. He's a fine person and an excellent speaker, but is terribly busy. No harm in trying, though.

We have nothing specific on library censorship in the South. It might be worthwhile to write the Southeastern Library Association, 1401 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, and the American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Ill.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:rl.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . HAROLD C. FLEMING . . .

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Sincerely,

Encls.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 LADY STREET
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Mar. 2, 1956

Mr. Harold Fleming,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

We think your letter which has been sent to the presidents of the State Chambers of Commerce is excellent. If you have a few extra copies, we would like as many copies as you can spare.

We notice that there was recently held in Atlanta a conference on Southeastern Industrial Development. I have wondered if any of these idea might have emerged in a workshop session. I noticed that Mr. Philip Hammer, Hammer & Co., was one of the speakers at the conference.

If you can send me the address of Mr. Hammer, I should like to recommend him as a possible speaker to some groups which will be holding meetings here in Columbia. Do you have any information as to his availability as a speaker and on what terms?

~~Thinks~~ Thought you might be interested in the enclosures.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig
Enclosures:
Clipping "Test of Racial Law Nol Prossed in City'" F.M.N.
Morse Calls Interposition A "New Form of Secession"
Not Yet Too Late for Some Moderation, Record 2-23-56, Buchanan
Resolution, Not Laws, F.M.C. 2-23-56 Jack O'Dowd
No Hiding Place, Sarah Patton Boyle - Charlottesville, Va.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 LADY STREET

COLUMBIA, S. C.

Mar. 15, 1956

Mr. Harold B. Fleming,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

The Florence County Democratic Convention passed a resolution condemning the editorial policy of the Florence Morning News. The editor, Mr. Jack O'Dowd, whose editorial "We Can't Win" was published in NEW SOUTH, was a delegate to the Convention. He was not elected as a delegate to the State Convention, but ran 45th in the number of votes cast. There were 45 persons nominated.

I talked with Mr. O'Dowd yesterday. He is a young man of high idealism. He is the adopted son of his uncle, who owns the paper. His father has from time to time showed him the cost to the paper in lowered advertising and circulation profits of his editorial policy. Since the convention action, he has demanded his adopted son refrain from writing any editorials whatsoever on the segregation issue.

We are enclosing an editorial which was written, expressing the editor's reasons and reactions to his father's position.

I thought you would be interested. Please return for our file.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

March 22, 1956

Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I like the people who do this Southern Project of National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students. They could only send us six copies of the report. GSM would like each State office to look through. Mrs. Spearman is asked to send the booklet on to Mr. Wells when she is through with it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mmf

Encl.

cc: Mr. Wells

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 LADY STREET
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Mar. 30, 1956

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

We have made no attempt to secure the newspaper which carried the feature article by Sylvia Porter, because we were told that you were having copies made for each of us. I hope that this will be possible.

You will be interested in the enclosures.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ig

April 4, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

My best advice for the lady would be to get her bank to give a hundred dollar bill and let her cause it to be conveyed along the line to the people at Orangeburg ~~and~~ or elsewhere.

You will have your own problems later on in establishing tax exemption and it would be awkward to have on your books sums that can not be readily accounted for.

I have sent your letter on to Harold Fleming for his information.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSMsmef

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

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1508 LADY STREET

COLUMBIA, S. C.

Mar. 29, 1956

Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

RECEIVED MAR 30 1956

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your part in making possible our recent meeting at Atlanta University.

You will be interested in the enclosed clipping from the Columbia State, of March 29. Please share this with Mr. Fleming.

One of our members telephoned to say that she wishes to contribute $100. to the emergency situation, as described. She states that she is unwilling to make her check payable to the NAACP or the Victory Savings Bank of Columbia, which is handling the business for farmers in need. She states that she would like to make a check payable to us, and have us see that it is properly channeled. I have discussed the matter briefly with Rev. J. Claude Evans. He has asked that I present this matter to you. We have no way of knowing whether other members may ask us to channel their gifts and loans for them.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

P.S. People are afraid of any evidence, such as a check would be, of their assistance to the N.A.A.C.P. fight. A.

April 10, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Two matters of some importance:

1. Fred Routh passed on to me your request concerning Phil Hammer. I talked with Phil yesterday, and he took down all the particulars. He said he would like to take a few days to see what he could work out, after which he would write to you directly. He has quite a complicated schedule, and I doubt if there is more than a 50-50 chance of his coming but you will hear from him.

2. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Tartt Bell to Marion Wright, which Mr. Wright passed on via telephone today. After you and Mr. McCain and perhaps others have consulted about his suggestions, please let me have your conclusions. I have already asked Mr. McCain to call me collect if the Orangeburg situation develops into a major crisis. Otherwise I will hope to hear from you by letter within the next few days.

With appreciation and best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:o
enc.

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HCF

Mar. 26, 1956

Mr. Fred Routh,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Routh:

The workshop was helpful. We thank you for your part in making it so.

We have just had a conference with the Rev. Claude Evans, who has agreed that we ask Mr. John Hope, III, to plan for a joint board workshop here in Columbia for Aptil 18. I do hope that this date will be possible for him and consultants.

We are eager to work toward our annual meeting for May 16. We may drop back one or two Wednesdays - that is to May 9 or to May 2, if it develops that either of those dates are better suited to our participants.

We, of course, hope you and any other members of the Atlanta staff who may be able to do so, will plan to be with us for the annual meeting. We shall work out details as to your participation later.

For the moment we are eager to get the cooperation of the office there in helping us to secure Mr. Phillip Hammer as a speaker. I observed that he addressed the Southeastern Area Workshop of Chambers of Commerce, held in Atlanta, in February. I do not know upon what basis he is available or that we might be able to meet his terms. However, we definately feel that the emphasis which is emerging through your office as to the economic factors involved in the present crisis, is an effective one for us to pursue in this state. We know of no one who could contribute in a more dynamic way than Mr. Hammer. Won't you feel him out on the date suggested above, and let us know if he may be available, and if so what his charges would be?

copy to Mr Hammer 4-9

COPY

#2 Mr. Fred Routh 3-26-56

We hope very much that you or Dr. Mitchell may be able to attend to the matter of contacting Mr. Hammer at your very earliest convenience, and that you will let us hear from you right away.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

April 12, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
South Carolina Council on
Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your response to our questionnaire on desegregation since May 17, 1954. We appreciate your prompt cooperation on this project.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 LADY STREET

COLUMBIA, S. C.

Mar. 27, 1956

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

In accordance with your letter of March 23, we have completed the "Survey of Desegregation since May 17, 1954," and are attaching it for you.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

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May 3, 1956

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I am to take some part in this Institute on June 6, 7, and 8. Mr. Lantz who got it up is anxious for maximum attendance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Under separate cover:
20 copies of Ecumenical Institute program.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 LADY STREET
COLUMBIA, S. C.

May 8, 1956

rec'd 5/23/56

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you very much for letting us hear that you are to be in Charleston on the 9th and 10th. There are always contacts which it helps to have a special person like yourself make for us.

I, personally have temporarily given up working with Josephine Pinckney and Mrs. Albert Simons, though I realize that they do wield considerable influence and that we shall eventually need them. Both of them have spoken to me of you in the highest terms. Have said that it would mean a lot to them to have an opportunity to talk with you. So, if you can possible spare the time, I hope you will contact them, if only by 'phone.

There is a Mrs. Karl Koopman whose husband teaches at the Citadel, whom I've been "layin' low" to see in person. Hear she is quite a person and ready and rearing to go. Mrs. K. is librarian at the Citadel, I find in checking our records. We have no other address for her. If you can confer with her, we'd be helped to have your evaluation of her, and any observations you might make.

We are especially weak as far as labor contacts are concerned. It has occurred to me that you may have some in Charleston with whom you might lay some ground work for our follow up.

Wish that we might see you.

Plans for our annual meeting going well. Best part is that we're getting good responses from some new , young blood! More of this later.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

May 9, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We are all extremely sorry that someone in Mrs. Greene's family is seriously ill.

I have talked with Mrs. Alexander and she and I agree that both of the reports may be reasonably delayed because of your shortage of secretarial help. James McCain's current report is in so we are at least partially abreast of what is happening in South Carolina.

Your conference with the clergymen sounded exciting and I wish I had been there.

Best regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 LADY STREET

COLUMBIA, S. C.

May 7, 1956

Dear Fred Routh,

We've just had a thrilling conference with two clergymen, former residents of Orangeburg and a citizen still living there. The later has refused to join the Citizens' Council and has been blacklisted because of this. He is the first person whom we've contacted who may be willing to take some initiative from the white community. This conference overlapped with one with a political science prof. at the U. of S.C. and Dr. Milorad M. Drachkovitch, professeur-adjoint at the College of Europe, 11.Dyver, Bruges, Belgium. Wish you might have been with us.

This is just to say that Mrs. Greene,our fine secretary,is at her home in Knoxville due to serious illness in her family. We do not want to have to hire additional help in her absence , unless it is absolutely necessary. Won't you talk with Mrs. Alexander and see how long we can postpone sending the financial report? Also, you will let me hear if my own report can be delayed. Both Mrs. Greene and I have assumed that you'd prefer to have us stay up-to-date with current activities. The pressure on one secretary is great, you will understand, I'm sure. Unfortunately, I'm no substitute with my crude hunt-and-peck. Besides, previous committments have me fully scheduled.

This note is to let you know our present situation and to request that you write us if a reasonable delay will not be acceptable for you and Mrs. Alexander.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman

Copy: C. H. Parrish

May 14, 1956

Mrs. Alice M. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for your note of 5-11-56 regarding Mr. O'Dowd's appearance before your proposed annual meeting and the clipping about his speech to the Rotary Club. He sounds like a good egg, to use a "Mitchellism."

Unfortunately I will not be able to come over for the meeting for I will be in California speaking to the San Francisco Civic Unity Council and the American Civil Liberties Union, but many thanks for the invitation. I shall send a copy of your announcement to Dr. Parrish and also a copy of your letter and it may be possible for him to attend.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

May 29, 1956

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

The kind letter you wrote me May 8th about what I ought to do in Charleston was rightly sent to the Fort Sumter Hotel. But by the time it got to the Fort Sumter they had found that they had no room for me, so I stayed at the St. Francis Marion, and I therefore did not get the letter until it duly came back May 23rd. And obviously I did not do any of the things I should have done in Charleston.

I did have a pop visit with Mrs. St. Julien Childs. But pleasantries more than business.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 29, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Thank you for the various items you sent and the accompanying note of May 24th. I hope your Annual Meeting was as successful as the program indicated it would be.

Unfortunately we were never able to get a commitment from the Friends with respect to Orangeburg. Everybody I talk to expresses the hope that we will be able to relieve the situation! I will keep casting about for other helpful approaches, but at the moment I'm not too optimistic. I wrote Mr. McCain the other day about the possibility of some of the recently discharged teachers obtaining legal aid from the Friends' Rights of Conscious Committee. I hope something can come of this.

With all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

Dear Harold Flemings

Please write us what response you've gotten from the Friends concerning possible worker in Orangeburg. Did they succeed in contacting Edward Sims in Orangeburg? I hope so!

Alice M. Spearman

5/24/56.

Good meeting. Sorry none of you could be with us - A. H. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
ANNUAL MEETING, AT BENEDICT COLLEGE,
COLUMBIA, S. C.,
MAY 23, 1956

*** *** Morning Session, 10:30 - 12:45 A. M. *** ***

Presiding: The Rev. J. Claude Evans, chairman

Invocation: The Rev. Hawley Lynn

Minutes: Miss Rebecca Reid, secretary

Introduction: Members present

Remarks: The Rev. J. Claude Evans,

Reports:

Rock Hill	-	Dr. Dewey M. Duckett,
	-	Mr. A. R. Suritz
Greenville	-	Mr. Richard J. Foster
Charleston	-	Mr. John H. Harris
Anderson	-	Mrs. Morris S. Young
Sumter	-	Mr. Earl L. Kirby
	-	Dr. Edward C. Jones

Business session:

Treasurer's report - The Rev. Howard G. McClain
Reports of Committees -
Finance - Mr. James M. Dabbs
Membership - Mr. A. R. Suritz
Program - The Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean
Revision of By-Laws - Dr. Allen Edwards
Nominations - Mrs. Marian B. Paul
Shall we apply for a charter?

*** *** Afternoon session, 2:15 - 4:00 P. M. *** ***

Presiding: Mr. John F. Potts, vice chairman

Symposium: <u>COME LET US REASON TOGETHER.</u>

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman, moderator
Mr. Jack O'Dowd
Dr. George F. K. Naylor
Mr. James T. McCain
Mr. Francis Nicholson
Mr. A. M. Secrest

Forum (During this period the audience may submit questions, in writing, to the symposium participants.)

Benediction: The Rev. R. O. Bass

Pine Forest School
McBee, South Carolina
April 10, 1956

My dear Fellow Educator:

By virtue of our positions as teachers, you and I are the recognized leaders among our people. Our patrons are looking to us for guidance particularly in relation to the unrest concerning the critical problems of separate but equal schools. THIS IS THE TIME for us to assume our positions of leadership and unite our efforts in improving the strained relationship between our white friends and the people of our race.

I, for one, am proud of my Negro heritage and wear my God-given color with dignity and display my racial traits without shame. I envy no man who has been endowed by our Creator with characteristics differing from my own. I am proud of the manifold blessings that have come to my people in the United States of America. Ours would be a fatal mistake to impair our miraculous cultural growth and to seek after that which would ultimately cause the disappearance of our race and identity.

These are my opinions based on 36 years of teaching experience and 41 years of Gospel-Ministry among my people in the state of South Carolina. Of course, you are entitled to your own opinion and whatever your opinion may be -- NOW IS THE TIME to express your convictions.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a Resolution that I attempted to introduce at our recent convention in Columbia. Attached also is a simple ballot form and a reply envelope which requires no postage.

Please place a check mark on the ballot indicating whether you approve or disapprove of this resolution. Place the ballot in the reply envelope, which requires no postage, and drop it in the mail. Your vote will be secret, for it is NOT NECESSARY TO SIGN THE BALLOT.

If, however, you wish to unite your efforts with the many others who oppose integration, please place your name and address on the ballot. There is nothing to fear, for NAMES WILL BE HELD IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE!

The important thing, regardless of what your conviction may be, is that -- NOW IS THE TIME to express yourself.

Please let me hear from you very soon.

Sincerely yours,

s/
P. B. Mdodana, Principal
Pine Forest School
(a South African)

RESOLUTION

Whereas much confusion and turmoil has been unfortunately precipitated throughout the South regarding the Supreme Court Decision of May 17, 1954;

Whereas a National Organization within our own race is causing much bitter friction through dangerous agitation that tends to be and is harmful to the way of life in both races;

Whereas we have faith and well-founded trust in our neighbors of other races;

Whereas we are proud of our heritage and God-given racial distinctions;

Whereas it is a well known desire of the majority of our people to maintain separate but fully equal public school facilities;

Be it resolved that the Palmetto Education Association go on record:

1. As opposing those pressure groups;
2. As declaring our racial pride;
3. As voicing our appreciation to the taxpayers who have provided and are providing the necessary equal facilities for our schools;
4. As voicing our opposition to those who are relentlessly bent on bringing about the so called integration of races in the public schools of the South.

Please check:

I approve the resolution

I disapprove the resolution

Signature is not necessary; names, if given, will be held in strictest confidence.

Name_____

Address_____

Add comments if you so desire.

S. C. COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1508 LADY STREET - COLUMBIA, S. C.

TAKING THE LONG VIEW

By C. A. McKNIGHT

I fear that I have been handed an impossible assignment.

The man who presumes to take a long view of The South today is a brash fellow indeed.

Two years ago, it would have been far simpler.

The South was well into the most promising, and the most fascinating, period of a regional history which had had too little promise and too much fascination.

There is no point in repeating the statistics. You know them well. But perhaps a few broad strokes will paint the picture:

Great things were happening to The South.

Industry was expanding . . . diversifying . . . and dispersing itself all over the landscape, thanks to better roads and the steam generation of electric power.

We were developing a new agriculture which relied less and less upon the one-cash-crop system. Mechanization and diversification were its watchwords.

Our people were moving from rural to urban areas within the region, and those who could afford it were congregating in outlying suburban residential areas with their station wagons and barbecue pits.

The Negro was voting in ever-larger numbers, and he was beginning to have a major impact on state primary elections in many areas. He was voting, as he was living and working, in an atmosphere of steadily improving race relations.

The South was growing more independent politically, and we could see the real beginning of a two-party system. Moreover, in its politics, The South was becoming more conservative. John C. Calhoun would have been aghast at the number of southern representatives and senators who voted for protectionism last year.

Southern risk capital was mushrooming, and there was a willingness to invest it in the South for a change.

The airplane and the motor vehicle, particularly the truck, were slashing away some of the transportation barriers that had traditionally helped to keep the South in economic backwardness.

Among our more thoughtful industrialists, civic leaders, educators and public officials, there was a growing awareness of the need for the fuller utilization of southern manpower to staff our burgeoning industrial empire, and the collateral necessity of educating all of our children to a new level of productive citizenship.

In sum, the region was booming, and the day was in sight when The South need no longer hang its economic head in shame.

You will notice that I spoke in the past tense. I do not mean to imply that as yet there has been any measureable slowing of the dynamic forces at work in our region. Yet the spiritual and material future of southerners depends, in large measure, on continued improvement of education at all levels, and on the constant expansion of the broad economic base that supports all of our public services and facilities. And none but an incurable optimist can fail to realize that the two Supreme Court decisions against racial segregation in the public schools have posed very serious threats to both our educational system and our economic progress. To put it another way, the rapid deterioration of race relations in the wake of the two decisions is already a large cloud on our regional horizon, one which blown by the strong winds of emotionalism and group hatreds could well darken for a long time our bright future.

I shall return to this point a little later. At the moment, let us put the race question in the perspective of the southern region's history.

The Negro has been at the very core of most of our southern traditions and institutions. He was the instrument of slavery. He made the plantation system possible. He was the workhorse of our one-crop agriculture. Over him a Civil War was fought, and around him swirled the turmoil of Reconstruction. In a negative sort of way, he fashioned the one-party political system in the South. Much of our regional literature has been about him. His melodies are found in our music. His economic destitution helped make the South at one time "the nation's Number One economic problem," and his inability to break into higher income vocations and carry his own share of the tax burden has saddled the southern white with a double load of taxation, reflected in higher proportionate state and local taxes for the services he received.

Of late, the Negro has been leaving The South by the hundreds of thousands and moving into industrial states in the non-South, where his vote has helped to shape national policies often at variance with the preferences of many white southerners. Within the South, he has been moving in large numbers from rural areas to urban areas and congregating in pockets of old, dilapidated housing left by the white man in his flight to the suburbs—housing which all too often has degenerated into slums.

In sum, the Negro has been a central fact of life in the South these past hundred years and more, and the major southern problem has been one of race relations—the business of peoples of different colors and different cultures living peacefully together in a segregated society.

Remarks by C. A. McKnight, Editor, *The Charlotte Observer*, Delivered at the Southeastern Adult Education Association Conference at Clemson College, March 25, 1956

Hence, the problem is not new. But in the past two years it has taken on new proportions and new dimensions. And it is likely to affect—even to dominate our lives for many years to come.

In what follows, I shall try scrupulously to avoid the expression of any opinions on either side of the segregation issue itself. I shall try, instead, to look objectively at its current and its probable long-range effect on the southern region. In the process, I shall attempt to clear up at least a few of the misunderstandings that prevail on both sides of the Mason-Dixon line.

First, there is a widespread impression that the Supreme Court ordered the immediate integration of the white and Negro races in the public schools. It is this impression, as much as anything else, that has prompted some of the new legislation recently adopted by southern states.

In my opinion, the soundest interpretation of the court's decision—certainly the most widely-quoted interpretation—is that of Judge John J. Parker, senior jurist of the U. S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. When the Clarendon County case was sent back to the Fourth Circuit Court, Judge Parker wrote:

" . . . It is important that we point out exactly what the Supreme Court has decided and what it has not decided in this case . . . It has not decided that the states must mix persons of different races in the schools, or must require them to attend schools, or must deprive them of the right of choosing the schools they attend. What it has decided, and all that it has decided, is that a state may not deny to any person on account of race the right to attend any school that it maintains. This, under the decision, the state may not do directly or indirectly; but if the schools it maintains are open to children of all races, no violation of the Constitution is involved even though the children of different races voluntarily attend different schools, as they attend different churches. Nothing in the Constitution or in the decision of the Supreme Court takes away from the people freedom to choose the schools they attend. The Constitution, in other words, does not require integration. It merely forbids discrimination. It does not forbid such segregation as occurs as the result of voluntary action. It merely forbids the use of governmental power to enforce segregation. The Fourteenth Amendment is a limitation upon the exercise of power by the state or state agencies, not a limitation upon the freedom of individuals."

This point, it might be added, is not clearly understood by either non-Southerners or Southerners. If it were better understood, some of the pressures from within the region, and those from outside, would diminish.

Another common cause of confusion, in the South and beyond the region, is the failure to realize that customs, traditions and personal preferences have a more powerful effect than law on the patterns of individual associations. In the non-South, segregation by custom is still the dominant pattern. It is reasonable to expect that in The South, where social customs are more deeply imbedded, there will be an even greater amount of segregation by custom, regardless of what the court says or does.

Still another reason that the court's decision is not fully understood in our region is that millions of white Southerners have convinced themselves, or have been convinced by others, that the Supreme Court acted illegally, that it literally amended the constitution instead of interpreting it. I shall not argue the point. I report it as a fact. I report it simply to emphasize that such a conviction lends respectability to resistance. And when resistance to court orders becomes respectable, when it expresses itself in terms of a whole community or a whole state or a whole region, enforcement of those orders is patently impossible.

So much for the legal aspect. In time, some of the confusion will be cleared away.

A second general observation is justified by events of the past two years. At the time of the first Supreme Court decision, seventeen states and the District of Columbia required segregated schools. No longer is there such solidarity. In general, the border states have moved toward compliance. Some in the middle-South states are still in the process of deciding what official policy will be. In the Deep South, policy has been set. It is to resist any desegregation of the schools by every legal means possible. And so, we no longer have a Solid South where the race issue is concerned. A large part of it is still solid, but not nearly so large as it once was.

A third general observation is now, for the first time, beginning to be understood outside our region. I have already spoken of the migration of the Negro from the South. Between 1940 and 1950, the Negro population of the South increased less than two per cent, but the Negro population of the rest of the United States increased more than fifty-six per cent. The tide of migration is believed to be flowing even more swiftly today. This means simply that unless a better way of living together is found, what has essentially been a southern problem will rapidly be diffused into a national problem.

A fourth general observation is that the race problem today is inextricably bound up in politics. Once again, this is not a new phenomenon. But in the two decades prior to the Supreme Court decisions, race had steadily become less important in southern politics. Today it is not only shaping the destinies of candidates, but also forging a massive amount of new legislation. And the implication for national politics was underscored by the recent manifesto signed by southern senators and representatives, with its overtones of a major third party movement.

Still another factor that must be considered is the improvement of communications between the South and the non-South. In April, 1954—eleven months after the first Supreme Court decision—I spoke to the American Society of Newspaper Editors at the annual Washington meeting. The topic: "Press Coverage of the Desegregation Story." In general, the talk was an indictment of the U. S. press for superficial, inadequate and frequently unbalanced coverage of one of the biggest domestic stories of the century. To prove the point, I cited the fact that only three major newspapers outside the segregated states had bothered to send correspondents into the southern region to report the developments in the wake of the decision.

That indictment has no validity today. On the contrary, the southern region has been literally invaded of late by a huge corps of correspondents. Newspapers, magazines, radio and television are carrying to every corner of the nation, and indeed of the world, the story of our region's tortured struggle with the great and complex problems growing out of the two court decisions.

Better communication means better understanding. And a part of the picture painted by the big magazines and newspapers today is the fact that social, cultural and educational factors are important in the total race picture.

I shall not detail for you the dilemma of the southern white who basically is a law-abiding, God-loving American, who would like to see full legal equality for the Negro, but who is conscious of the fact that many southern Negroes are socially, culturally and educationally backward. This can largely be explained by the system under which the Negro has been forced to live in the South. But it is nonetheless a fact, unpleasant though it may be. And it helps shape Southern white opinion against mixing the races in the public schools at this time.

Still another general observation is that it has become increasingly difficult in recent months for the southern "moderate" to make his voice heard. I do not quite know how to define such a man, but in general I think of him as the kind of fellow whose mind is still open to facts and opinions on both sides of the issue, and whose emotions are under such good control that he can discuss the issue with his neighbors and friends quietly, temperately and with some detachment. I don't know how many moderates by this definition are left in the South today, but I do know the public forum and the public press are largely dominated by those who hold very strong and inflexible opinions either for or against segregation.

So far, I have attempted to give you these broad observations:

1. That the race problem must be looked at in the context of the dynamics of the New South;

2. That it is an old problem, with new dimensions, one which will be with us for a long time;

3. That it is confused by misunderstandings about the court decision itself, and by the conviction of many white southerners that the court acted illegally;

4. That the once-Solid South has been shattered as far as the race issue is concerned;

5. That what was once a regional dilemma is rapidly becoming a national dilemma;

6. That the race issue is hopelessly intertwined with politics;

7. That social, cultural and educational distinctions cannot be dismissed lightly;

8. And that it has become increasingly difficult in parts of the South to find a middle-ground upon which one can stand.

To return to my original point, these and other aspects of the race problem will surely have some effect in the years to come on education at all levels, and on the broad economic base of the region.

In the first place, it is difficult, if not impossible, for schools to conduct their affairs efficiently in communities where tensions and emotions are running high. Beyond that, some of the legislation proposed or adopted in parts of the region would substantially change public education as we know it, even to the point of abolishing the schools if necessary to preserve segregation. All of this may be necessary, and it may even be desired by majority opinion in certain states. But it is clear that a radical change in our public education system would bring on a new set of enormous administrative and instructional problems for the school administrator and the teacher. And there is a very real possibility that our children would suffer grievously.

The possible threat to continued regional economic progress is not so clearly defined, but it is there nontheless. Sylvia Porter is one of the best qualified and most respected writers on economic affairs. In yesterday's Charlotte Observer, she wrote of a new fear beginning to emerge among industry-minded citizens of The South. Said Miss Porter:

"Put in simple, yet superlatively significant dollars-and-cents terms, it is:

"That the increasingly violent conflict over integration of the Negro will, if it continues, seriously set back the plans of industries all over America to expand in and move to the Southeast.

"If this happens—and it is already starting to happen—then:

"The strong industrial upsurge upon which the development plans of Charlotte and every other leading city in the South are based will fall far short of expectations;

"The South's great transition from economic colonialism to an industrialized, alive, sophisticated society will be shamefully slowed;

"The now bright production-employment-income picture will be perceptibly darkened;

"The profound industrial revolution of the South—which just in the last 15 years has slashed unemployment and dramatically raised living standards—will be interrupted."

In tomorrow's Observer, continuing on the same subject, Miss Porter will cite four specific instances of industries which cancelled their plans to expand in or move into the South because of race tension. And she quotes an official of a leading New York plant location concern as saying that "at least 20 corporation moving projects" on which he is currently working are "being seriously reconsidered in light of the situation in the South."

A recent front-page story in the New York Times also told the story of several concerns which had either cancelled or delayed their plans for expansion in the South.

Admittedly, the evidence is far from conclusive. But it is credible. Modern industry considers many things when considering a new plant site. Prominent among them are political stability, an expanding consumer market, good schools, good recreational facilities, and a friendly, free and easy relationship among citizens of the selected community.

Can the South offer new industry the prospect of political stability, when the atmosphere is so supercharged that a candidate can win election to high office with no qualifications other than sturdy lungs and a choice vocabulary of race-baiting phrases?

Can the South offer new industry the prospect of an expanding consumer market when boycotts and counter-boycotts are a constant threat?

Can the South offer new industry good schools for the children of workers, when the total abolition of public education is the trump card to be played when all else fails?

Can the South offer new industry good recreational facilities when parks and playgrounds are being shut down to prevent their being used by Negroes?

And can the South offer new industry the prospect of friendly, free and easy relations among citizens of the selected community, when anger, frustration and irresponsibility may, at any given moment, give rise to mob action?

In asking these questions, I do not argue the issue. In the discussion yesterday afternoon, someone asked whether our region is willing and able to provide better education for all of our people. There is substantial evidence already of unwillingness, especially if the various devices to thwart the Supreme Court decision fail. But it is a certainty that the region will not be able to afford better education unless conditions are favorable to the continued expansion of our economic base.

Where does this leave us? Frankly, I don't know. But I suggest that a big part of the job for adult education in the months and years ahead is the promotion and encouragement of calm, rational and analytical discussion of an issue that is too frequently determined by emotions.

Yesterday, you spoke of the importance of facts. There are plenty of facts available to prove that the wiping out of legal sanctions for segregation does not produce the chaos that has so freely been predicted by our southern political leaders. Desegregation introduces new problems, to be sure. But the problems are not nearly so great in retrospect as they are in prospect.

A major function of adult education, then, is to keep open channels of communication within our region so that when the people finally decide public policy, they will have weighed all the facts, not merely those on one side of the issue.

It may be that there is no immediate answer to our regional dilemma. A wise and experienced newspaperman suggested to me the other day that we may be making a mistake in assuming that there *is* an answer to this problem. Some problems, he said, have no answer save *time*. An an example, he cited the world struggle between the East and the West. In the segregation issue, he added, we may have an insoluble conflict between a moral absolute on the one hand, and 200 years of aesthetics, on the other.

But I am an optimist. Else I would not continue studying this question, writing about it, and talking about it. It would be much easier to pretend it didn't exist.

I am confident that the genius of the American democratic system of government which made this nation possible, which has seen us through wars and depressions and the catastrophes of nature, will carry us through this difficult period. My hope and prayer is that the forward progress of our regional programs of educational and economic expansion, upon which our future well-being depends, will not be irreparably impaired.

Previous Corr. please

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

FILE COPY

1508 LADY STREET

COLUMBIA, S. C.

June 12, 1956

Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

In March you wrote relative to the status of Jay Clark, of Mullins, supposedly at that time in Bath, S. C. My advise was that he was at Myrtle Beach. We wrote and asked for an appointment. No reply.

Just recently we have received a clipping from the Marion Star, dated April 16, 1956, which stated that Mr. Clark has entered the University of Chicago, working toward his M. A. Degree in Physical Education. The article stated that Mr. Clark was given a scholarship by the "National Council of Christian Churches," and that he will study for the next three month's period. After that time he expects to enter a college in the South and continue his study, physical education, and work on his master's degree.

Our monthly report for March gave an account of what happened to Mr. Clark, in Mullins, as it was given to us by a reliable contact there. You may wish to see it in your office.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

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JC — ~~Spearman will~~ get reprint permission and write us. Note where speech was made for New South credit HCF

File JC

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 LADY STREET

COLUMBIA, S. C.

June 12, 1956

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I am enclosing a copy of a talk which Jack O'Dowd made before the Hartsville Rotary Club, a short time ago. He briefed this for us on our symposium held during the afternoon session of our annual meeting, on May 23. It has occurred to me that you may wish to use this in toto or in part in a forthcoming issue of NEW SOUTH.

There is nothing spectacular about the talk except that it fits as well as any thing I have seen as being a position around which it may be possible to arouse anything like mass support of white people.

Your reaction please. Symposium theme: "Come Let Us Reason Together." Mr. O'Dowd is editor of the Florence Morning News. I hope you will let me hear what you may wish to do about this, at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Exxcutive Director

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June 14, 1956

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Many thanks for the news on the man Jay Clark. I have sent it on to our original inquirer.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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FILE COPY

June 15, 1956

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I went to a meeting at Junaluska, in early June, of an Ecumenical Institute for the Southeast, organized by the National Council of Churches. Among those present were:

Rev. Richard O. Bass
1108 Blanding Street
Columbia 1

Rev. E. C. Carr
P. O. Box 662
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Rev. W. G. Garvin
P. O. Box 114
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Caroline Lee Gillespie
Route 1
Martsville

Miss Anne Herbert
125 Broad St.
Sumter

Rev. D. W. Reston
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Allendale

If they don't belong to your show, maybe they will join.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 25, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of this morning, following which I have written Mr. McCain as attached.

To sum up the points on which we agreed:

1. It is agreeable to the South Carolina Council for Mr. James McCain to take such temporary leave from his job as Associate Director as may be required by his participation in the fact-finding survey of Negro suffrage being conducted by the Southern Regional Council.

2. During the time that Mr. McCain is working on the suffrage project, his salary and expenses incurred by the project will be paid by the SRC out of a special project fund. The amount of money available for this and other purposes connected with the project is given in the enclosed letter to Mr. McCain.

3. The amount of Mr. McCain's regular salary for the period during which he is on leave to the SRC project will be carried over to the South Carolina's credit in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1956, for the Associate Director's salary.

I hope this adequately summarizes our understanding. If not, please let me hear from you. Needless to say, we greatly appreciate the cooperation of the South Carolina Council in making Mr. McCain's services available to us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
GEORGE S. MITCHELL

June 25, 1956

HCF:

An arrangement approvable with South Carolina would be an offer to South Carolina under which for so many weeks or months as we absorb virtually the full-time services of Mr. McCain on the fact-finding program, South Carolina will be entitled week for week and month for month to payment by SRC of Mr. McCain's salary in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1956.

The South Carolina Council would be relieved, of course, of the travel expense incident to Mr. McCain's travel on the fact-finding program.

The fact-finding program or the SRC, as may be determined, will pay Mr. McCain for the weeks or months of his service to the fact-finding program at approximately Mr. McCain's present salary rate.

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1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.
June 15, 1956

Dear Harold Fleming,

We are delighted to hear about the special fact-finding efforts for which financial assistance has been secured. We shall welcome Mr. Anthony and assist him as we are able. I definitely hope Mr. Elder will visit us ,because we shall need his help with contacts, even though we may be of little help to him. I shall greatly appreciate it if you(ll make the special request of him that he visit us at as early a date as possible.

Now, about the survey of Negro suffrage, how long do you think it will be in progress? The reason I am inquiring(I shall appreciate it if you will keep this matterconfidential) is that I do not see how we shall be able to raise sufficient funds to keep our present staff in tact next year. Naturally we are doing what we can to be able to do so. This takes time from other activities in which we might hopefully engage. I have wondered it there might not be some arrangement we might make to lend Mr. McCain to this project either on a short-time full time basis, or on a part-time long term armangement. Contacts made and findings acquired would have a helpful relationship to our program, I'm sure. In any case, won't you consider this matter and gives us a chance to discuss it with you before any definite choice is made? We shall certainly appreciate your doing so.

We shall respect your policy of keeping quiet about the fact-finding projects.

Congratulations to you for the fine work you are doing.

With every good wish and warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Alice M. Spearman

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Mrs. Tilly - for your info.
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July 23, 1956

Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

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Dear Dr. Mitchell:

No doubt you know Dr. A. C. Miller, of the Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn. I have recently met and seen in action Mr. Leo Rippy, of the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville. Both of these men are oriented as we would like on the race issue.

We are finding it helpful to enlist participation of key religious leaders. Thought you would like to know about the above mentioned, with the same possibility in mind.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

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August 1, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

You asked in a recent letter where I found the statement by J. Edgar Hoover endorsing the NAACP. It was in their promotional pamphlet, An American Organization, on page 10. We have sent each of our state organizations a supply of these pamphlets. If you think it would be desirable, you could get a copy of his full statement from Henry L. Moon, of the New York office of the NAACP.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Aug. 2, 1956

Mr. Harold B. Fleming,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

You outline in your letter of June 28, 1956, in regard to the distribution of materials, that we might request items from your office. We would appreciate your sending the following:

Your Item #4, Fact Sheets. "Modest quantity, free." 75 ea
5, Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools. 100
Please send 100 if possible.
6, Toward the South of the Future. Please send one, as our sample has become misplaced. ✓
7, The Negro and the Schools, ✓
Schools in Transition, ✓
The Strange Career of Jim Crow, ✓
Desegregation Issue of The Annals. ✓
Please send one ~~or two~~ each, if convenient.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Aug. 17, 1956

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

We are enclosing a reprint of a paper presented by Dr. T. B. Maston, on "Integration," which was presented to the Advisory Council of Southern Baptists for Work with Negroes, at its regular annual meeting in Nashville, March 6, 1956. It occurred to me that you might wish to reprint excerpts from this in the New South. I feel reasonably sure that the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, 161 - 8th Ave., North, Nashville 3, Tenn., would gladly give you permission to use any part of this paper, should you desire to do so.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

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P.S. Marion Wright wrote me had sent you a clipping with request that you forward to me — a letter by an S. Carolinian published in the N.Y. Times, I believe. I'd like to see it. A.N.S.

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 LADY STREET
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Aug. 23, 1956

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

We have a list to whom we are mailing the pamphlet "Three Views on the Segregation Decision."

We are eager to secure at least six additional copies in order to complete this important list and we hope very much that you may find it possible to send us these extra copies. 10

Appreciatively,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

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August 24, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

A belated note to thank you for your considerable help and courtesy during my visit and to request more help.

I am enclosing the preliminary biographical report on leaders of the Citizens Council of South Carolina. Where possible I would appreciate having your verification of this material plus any additional information you can add to them. We are especially interested in the educational background of these men and you will notice that we do not have this information in several instances. If you feel that others should be added to this group, we would also appreciate knowing of them.

Again my sincere thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

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Confidential

August 24, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Back in April, Father Shean sent me the drafts of the proposed leaflets for publication by the North Carolina and South Carolina Councils. Enclosed is a copy of the letter I wrote him then, from which you will see that my view was similar to that of your strategy committee.

Frankly I have never been much taken with the idea of widespread circulation of "tracts" aimed at the man on the street. I don't think that we can begin to compete with the pro-segregationists with this kind of appeal to public sentiment. I have felt that our efforts should be directed to reaching a more select audience made up of individuals who are influential at the opinion making level.

However, there is no such thing as the right approach in a field as complicated as this. And we have felt that it was healthy for the State groups to work up materials appropriate to local need as they see it. Therefore, we would not in the least want to discourage the kind of thinking which Father Shean is trying to work out. But if it is to mean anything, we feel that the editorial slant should be determined and executed by people in the States involved.

I discussed this matter with Dr. Mitchell. The only course we can suggest is that your committee express its views quite honestly to Father Shean and undertake to get the leaflets modified in such a way that everybody can agree on their usefulness. We want to be helpful in every possible way, but I don't think it would work for us to assume the responsibility for content and style of these publications. The result would simply be more centrally prepared literature which would not be likely to fill the specially felt local need.

We will shortly put out a revised edition of "Answers for Action" which will reflect generally the kind of approach and information that we think will be helpful across the South. Some of the states have already supplemented our literature with pamphlets or circulars specially directed to local circumstances. If you can work out the problem in South Carolina with similar results, we will applaud.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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Encs.

April 18, 1956

Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
The Catholic Committee of the South
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Father Shean:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to write you about the articles which you sent by letter of April 6th.

My own reaction is that they are very well written, but probably too well written for the kind of mass, popular distribution which you have in mind. As I understood the tract idea, something shorter and written in more "low brow" language was called for.

Your articles would be excellent for use with a selected, well educated audience, but I doubt that they would serve other purposes as I understand it.

However, the folks who are actually working at the problem in North and South Carolina would be better judges of that than we in this office, and I would yield to a different opinion from them.

In any case, let me know at any stage in the processes how we can help.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street

COLUMBIA, S. C.

Aug. 17, 1956

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I have been asked by our strategy committee to write you confidentially, relative to a problem which has developed with us.

Following Dr. Frank Loescher's visit to South Carolina, Father Maurice V. Shean had a newspaper man in Charlotte, North Carolina, prepare six pamphlets for distribution. He states that he had sent you copies of these. He has suggested that these pamphlets be published by the N. C. and S. C. Councils on Human Relations. Our committee feels that as the pamphlets stand, they would like to edit them considerably. Since we do not have the staff resources for doing this, I was asked to write and see if your staff would be interested in editing and in publishing for distribution through the affiliated state organizations.

The fact is that Father Shean has put a lot of himself into having these pamphlets prepared. We want to get off the hook with him. Our group does not feel the contents of the pamphlets sufficiently "S. C." in flavor and content to suggest our publishing them without much re-writing.

What can you do? What do you suggest? I believe Father Shean was given a small grant for publishing these.

Please return my copies as they are the only ones I have.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

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The Catholic Committee of the South

P. O. BOX 895

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APRIL 6, 1956

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DR. GEORGE S. MITCHELL
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVE. N. E.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEAR DOCTOR:

YOU WILL RECALL DURING A PREVIOUS MEETING WE DISCUSSED THE FEASIBILITY OF PREPARATION OF A SERIES OF ARTICLES ABOUT THE PRESENT PROBLEM TO BE PRINTED IN TRACT FORM AND DISTRIBUTED IN THE MANNER IN WHICH TRACTS ARE FREQUENTLY DISTRIBUTED, IN CHURCHES, BUS STATIONS, BY MAIL, ETC.

I DISCUSSED THE MATTER SOMEWHAT WITH OSCAR LEE THE OTHER DAY AND HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IF WE WERE TO DO IT. THE IDEA AT THE MOMENT IS THAT THE TRACTS WOULD BE SPONSORED BY THE COMBINED SPONSORSHIP OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCILS ON HUMAN RELATIONS. I HAVE NOT AS YET SHOWN THESE TO EITHER MR. JONES OR MRS. SPEARMAN BUT I EXPECT TO WITHIN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. I WOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF THE IDEA AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU THINK THAT THESE WOULD BE THE KIND OF THINGS THAT COULD BE USEFUL.

WHEN FRANK LOESCHER WAS HERE, HE SAID THAT IF WE WERE TO PREPARE THEM, HE WAS QUITE SURE THAT THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC WOULD PAY FOR THE PRINTING OF THEM.

I DO EXPECT TO BE WITH YOU ON THE 20TH AND 21ST.

SINCERELY YOURS IN CHRIST AND ST. PHILIP,

Maurice V. Shean

(VERY REV.) MAURICE V. SHEAN, C. O.

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THE DESEGREGATION DECISION

THE TIME HAS COME FOR RESPONSIBLE SOUTHERNERS TO FACE THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S DESEGREGATION DECISION HONESTLY. IT IS TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT RACIAL BARRIERS, BORN OF UNCERTAINTY AND FEAR, CAN BE DISSOLVED IN THE LIFE-BLOOD OF DEMOCRACY. BEFORE US IS A GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD THAT THE NEW SOUTH IS CAPABLE OF SOLVING DEEP-ROOTED PROBLEMS PEACEFULLY, WITH JUSTICE FOR ALL CONCERNED.

THE OPINION RENDERED BY THE SUPREME COURT IN 1954 REPRESENTS A HISTORIC MOMENT IN THE LIFE OF OUR NATION. IT GIVES CLEAR STATUS IN LAW TO THE FUNDAMENTAL RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLE WHICH RECOGNIZES THE ESSENTIAL DIGNITY AND WORTH OF ALL MEN BEFORE GOD. IN THE HISTORY OF INTERRACIAL JUSTICE, THIS DECISION IS SECOND IN SIGNIFICANCE ONLY TO THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION OF 1863.

THE MOMENT MUST NOT BE LOST.

SENSIBLE CITIZENS, MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE DEEPLY AWARE OF THE MAJESTY OF THE LAW AND THE MORAL LEGITIMACY OF THE SPIRIT OF UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD, MUST FACE THIS HISTORIC CHALLENGE WITH COURAGE AND DEDICATION.

THE PAST DOES NOT DIE SUDDENLY. THE YEARS OF LITIGATION WERE YEARS OF SEARCHING AND DEVELOPMENT. THE GROPING FOR ANSWERS ENDED AT 12:52 P. M. ON MAY 17, 1954, WHEN CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT PICKED UP A PRINTED DOCUMENT AT HIS FINGERTIPS AND BEGAN TO READ:

"THESE CASES COME TO US FROM THE STATES OF KANSAS, SOUTH CAROLINA,

"Virginia, and Delaware....."

Thirteen paragraphs later:

"We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal. Therefore, we hold that the plaintiffs and others similarly situated for whom the actions have been brought are, by reason of the segregation complained of, deprived of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment."

Here is the answer. The highest court in the land, the final authority, has unanimously declared that racial segregation in the public schools is unconstitutional.

The ruling reversed the historic Plessy v. Ferguson decision which had stood for 58 years - recognizing that the "separate but equal" doctrine was inconsistent with the meaning of equality under American law.

In substance, the Supreme Court declared that segregation with the sanction of law had a detrimental effect upon Negro children by forcing into them a sense of inferiority.

Human growth is a progressive process and the Constitution of the United States is a living document. New interpretations bring forth, rather than restrict, the wisdom of our Founding Fathers. As new evidences, scientific and religious, are brought to light by the ingenuity of men, they become a part of our living Constitution, helping us to grow to full maturity as an enlightened nation in the modern world. Duly constituted authority,

RESPONSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE, GUARANTEES THAT HISTORIC PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL REMAIN INTACT.

THE DECISION DOES NOT STRESS INTEGRATION. IT DOES NOT FORCE SOLIDITY. IT SIMPLY DISSOLVES UNNECESSARY AND UNJUST BARRIERS.

DESEGREGATION ACCOMPLISHED CALMLY AND SENSIBLY, CORRECTS THE RESULTS OF IGNORANCE AND FEAR, FOSTERED IN THE PAST BY WAR AND POVERTY.

IN THE STRENGTH OF NEW LEADERSHIP, PROSPERITY AND COURAGE, THE STIGMA OF SECOND-CLASS CITIZENSHIP CAN BE REMOVED. THIS IS THE BURDEN OF THE HOUR. IT CAN BE REMOVED WITH POSITIVE PLANS TO CULTIVATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUE, TO ARRIVE AT A GREATER DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE NATURE OF ALL MEN, TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CITIZENS OF OUR COUNTRY, AND TO INCREASE THE NATURAL GROWTH, HAPPINESS, AND WELFARE OF EVERY CHILD AND OF EVERY FAMILY.

REMOVE THE BARRIERS CREATED BY OUR LONG-STANDING PROBLEM, AND MEN WILL REST EASY IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE DONE A GOOD THING.

SOUTHERNERS MUST FACE THIS RESPONSIBILITY, NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT IS THE LAW OF THE LAND AND THE LAW OF GOD, BUT BECAUSE THE SOUTHERN TRADITION OF HONEST DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, COURTEOUS TREATMENT OF ALL MEN, THE NATURAL GOODNESS WHICH FLOWS FROM A GREAT HERITAGE, WILL COLLAPSE IF THE CHALLENGE OF THE MOMENT GOES UNMET.

WE ASK OURSELVES, "DO SOUTHERNERS FEAR TO ACCEPT THE NEGRO AS AN EQUAL PARTNER OF SOCIETY UNDER THE LAW?" IF WE DO, IT IS ONLY BECAUSE WE ARE

UNSURE OF THE WEALTH OF OUR OWN HERITAGE, THE DIGNITY OF THE WORK THAT OUR ANCESTORS ACCOMPLISHED BACK THROUGH HISTORY.

IF THE NEGRO IS NOW DENIED THE REMOVAL OF THIS BARRIER OF SEGREGATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, IT WILL BE BECAUSE RESPONSIBLE WHITE SOUTHERNERS FAIL TO HEAR THE CALL OF JUSTICE OR BECAUSE THEY ALLOW THEIR MINDS TO BE PARALYZED BY AN UNSUBSTANTIATED FEAR. FAILURE TO FACE THE PROBLEM THROWS A LIE INTO THE FACE OF THE SOUTH'S RELIGIOUS AND DEMOCRATIC HERITAGE.

SUCCESSFUL TACKLING OF THE PROBLEM, A DETERMINATION TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW OF THE LAND, PROVES THAT THOSE WHO DIED TO ESTABLISH OUR WAY OF LIFE AND THOSE WHO DIED TO PRESERVE IT DID NOT DIE IN VAIN.

IN SHORT, WHITE AND NEGRO CITIZENS WORKING TOGETHER IN MUTUAL RESPECT CAN MEET THE CHALLENGE OF THE AGE. APPEALS TO FEAR AND HATRED SHOULD BE PUT ASIDE. THE SOUTH, SUPPORTED BY THE COLLECTIVE CONSCIENCE OF ITS PEOPLE AND THE HEALING POWER OF SOCIAL PROGRESS, MUST SHOW THE WORLD THAT ITS MORAL IMAGE IS ONE OF HONOR AND REASON RATHER THAN OF HYSTERIA AND CONFUSION.

WHAT DOES INTEGRATION MEAN?

THE SOUTH TODAY IS THE VICTIM OF FALSE FEARS AND UNNECESSARY ANXIETY. AN AGED-IN-ANGUISH APPREHENSIVENESS HAS DISTORTED WHAT THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT REALLY MEANT WHEN IT ISSUED ITS HISTORIC DECISION ON SEGREGATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

THE SUPREME COURT HAS NOT ORDERED COMPULSORY INTEGRATION OF THE RACES. IT HAS NOT DEMANDED THAT THE STATES MIX PERSONS OF DIFFERENT RACES AGAINST THEIR WILLS IN SCHOOLS OR ANYWHERE ELSE.

IT HAS SIMPLY RULED THAT NO STATE CAN DENY ANY PERSON "SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF RACE" THE RIGHT TO ATTEND ANY SCHOOL THE STATE MAINTAINS.

THE COURT HAS ORDERED DESEGREGATION. IT HAS NOT ORDERED INTEGRATION.

INTEGRAZION IN ITS BROADEST SENSE WOULD COMPEL BOTH RACES TO ATTEND THE SAME SCHOOLS EVEN IF THEY PREFERRED OTHERWISE. DESEGRATION MERELY REMOVES RACE AS A BASIS FOR DISCRIMINATION. THE COURT FORBIDS DISCRIMINATION.

WHEN DESEGREGATION WAS ORDERED IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, THE LARGEST CITY BELOW THE MASON-DIXON LINE, RACIAL MIXING WAS, TO A LARGE EXTENT, ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

BALTIMORE PUPILS WERE TOLD THAT THEY COULD ENTER ANY SCHOOL THEY CHOSE, PROVIDED THE SCHOOL WAS NOT OFFICIALLY DECLARED OVERCROWDED--IN WHICH CASE ATTENDANCE WAS LIMITED TO THOSE CHILDREN LIVING WITHIN A SPECIFIED DISTANCE.

WHEN ENROLLMENT FIGURES WERE TOTALED UP AT THE END OF THE FIRST MONTH, THEY SHOWED THAT ONLY 1,576 NEGRO PUPILS HAD ENTERED FORMERLY ALL-WHITE SCHOOLS. TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY, 55,488 NEGRO PUPILS ENTERED OR REMAINED IN NEGRO SCHOOLS. ON A PERCENTAGE BASIS, INTEGRATION WAS LIMITED TO 3% OF THE NEGRO SCHOOL POPULATION.

BALTIMORE SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOUND THAT WHEN NEGROES WERE GIVEN A CHOICE OF SCHOOLS, THEY SIMPLY CHOSE THE SCHOOLS THAT WERE MOST CONVENIENT TO THEIR HOMES. IN BALTIMORE THERE WAS NO RUSH OF NEGRO CHILDREN TO WHITE SCHOOLS JUST BECAUSE THE SCHOOLS WERE WHITE. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE, DESPITE THE SMALL AMOUNT OF MIXING, THAT NEGROES WERE DELIBERATELY DISCOURAGED FROM ENTERING WHITE SCHOOLS. FURTHERMORE, MOST PARENTAL FEARS ABOUT INTEGRATION WERE DISPELLED BY THE ACTUAL EXPERIENCE.

ACTUALLY, ENROLLMENT FIGURES BORE OUT THE PREDICTIONS OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO GREAT SHIFTS IN SCHOOL POPULATIONS. SINCE MOST RESIDENTIAL AREAS WERE ALL-WHITE OR ALL-NEGRO, THE SCHOOLS SERVING THOSE AREAS GENERALLY REMAINED ALL-WHITE OR ALL-NEGRO.

THIS EXPERIENCE RECALLED THE WORDS OF DR. BENJAMIN E. MAYS, PRESIDENT OF MORHOUSE COLLEGE IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA:

"WE ARE UNDULY EXCITED BECAUSE WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT THE PROCESS OF DESEGREGATION WILL BE MUCH SLOWER THAN WE THINK, AND IT WILL BE EASIER THAN WE THINK....IN MOST PARTS OF THE SOUTH, NEGRO PARENTS WILL MOVE VERY CAUTIOUSLY. THERE WILL BE NO 'RUN ON THE BANK.' THEY WILL NOT RISK THEIR

CHILDREN BEING EMBARRASSED AND FOR THAT REASON THEY WILL NOT RUSH IN JUST BECAUSE THE SUPREME COURT HAS VOTED AGAINST SEGREGATION...THERE IS THE PROBLEM OF RESIDENTIAL SEGREGATION. BOTH IN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH, NEGROES ARE SEGREGATED. EVEN IN THE NORTH THERE ARE SEGREGATED SCHOOLS DUE MAINLY TO THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE AREA ARE EITHER NEGROES OR WHITES. THIS PATTERN WILL BE FOLLOWED IN THE SOUTH. THERE WILL BE MORE MIXTURE IN SOME PLACES THAN OTHERS. IN MANY AREAS THERE WILL BE NO MIXTURE FOR SOME TIME TO COME..."

WHITE SOUTHERNERS WHO FEAR COMPULSORY "COMMINGLING" AND "MONGRELIZATION" HAVE FALLEN PREY TO PROPAGANDA OF THE MOST VICIOUS SORT. THEY ARE UNNECESSARILY ALARMED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF THE SUPREME COURT DECISION.

NO "BLACK PERIL" THREATENS SOUTHERN WHITE COMMUNITIES.

THE "ANGLO-SAXON HERITAGE" IS NOT IN DANGER.

AS ONE OF THE SOUTH'S MOST DISTINGUISHED NEWSPAPERS EDITORIALIZED IN 1955, A CHANGE IN THE WRITTEN LAW CANNOT ERASE A TRADITIONAL CULTURE.

ABANDONMENT OF THE "WHITE ONLY" SIGNS WILL NOT RESULT IN AN INDISCRIMINATE MINGLING OF RACIAL VARIABLES.

NOR DO "MIXED" SCHOOLS LEAD TO "MIXED" MARRIAGES. EVEN IN STATES WHERE THERE HAS NEVER BEEN LEGAL SEGREGATION--IN SCHOOLS OR OTHERWISE--INTERMARRIAGE IS EXTREMELY RARE. IN THE SOUTH, WHERE INTERMARRIAGE IS OPPOSED BY BOTH LAW AND CUSTOM, DESEGREGATION OF THE SCHOOLS OR OTHER

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE THE EXISTING PATTERN.

FEAR OF INTERMARRIAGE IS LARGELY IRRATIONAL SINCE THERE CAN NEVER BE A LAW OR A COURT DECISION FORCING MEN AND WOMEN TO MARRY AGAINST THEIR WILLS. MARRIAGE WILL REMAIN A MATTER OF PERSONAL CHOICE, AS WILL ALL PURELY SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS.

HUMAN BEINGS, LIKE THE WATERS OF THE EARTH, SEEK THEIR OWN LEVEL. MAN'S ASSOCIATIONS WILL ALWAYS BE INFLUENCED BY HIS OWN LIKES AND DIS-LIKES, INSTINCTS, LOCAL CUSTOMS AND BY ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PRESSURES.

BUT IN THE PAST DECADE, RACIAL CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED CONSIDERABLY IN THE SOUTH.

COMPULSORY SEGREGATION HAS BEEN STEADILY LOSING SUPPORT.

NEGROES HAVE EMERGED AS VOTING CITIZENS AND, INCREASINGLY, AS SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

THEY HAVE PROVED, AND ARE PROVING, THEIR FITNESS FOR THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FIRST CLASS CITIZENSHIP.

GRANTING THESE HUMAN RIGHTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RPINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND FAIR PLAY WILL NOT BE TOO GREAT A TASK FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH.

ALL THAT IT WILL TAKE IS MUTUAL GOOD WILL BASED UPON THE WILLINGNESS OF RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF BOTH RACES TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER IN PEACE AND DEDICATION. THE ESSENCE OF AMERICANISM IS DISCUSSION. WITHOUT FREE-FLOWING

DIGNIFIED DISCUSSION, THERE CAN BE NO HUMAN PROGRESS.

THE GREAT QUESTION BEFORE THE SOUTH TODAY MUST BE ANSWERED WITH MATURITY AND WISDOM. FURTHERMORE, IT MUST BE ANSWERED NOW IF THE SOUTH IS TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AS A MODERN INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY.

WHAT DO NEGROES WANT?

SIMPLE JUSTICE, EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW, FREEDOM FROM THE ANGUISH OF SECOND CLASS CITIZENSHIP! THESE ARE THE AMERICAN NEGRO'S GOALS IN THE 20TH CENTURY.

"INTERMARRIAGE"? "AMALGAMATION"? "DESTRUCTION OF ANGLO-SAXON CULTURE"? "BLACK SUPREMACY"? THESE ARE THE SCARE WORDS INVENTED BY THE NEGRO'S ENEMIES TO DISCREDIT HIM IN THE EYES OF HIS FRIENDS. THEY ARE CRUELLY COUNTERFEIT, CALCULATING AND VICIOUS. YET THEY REFLECT THE KIND OF UNREASONING SUSPICION THE NEGRO--AND ALL SUBJECT PEOPLE--HAVE HAD TO FACE SINCE BIBLICAL TIMES.

THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT DECISION ON SEGREGATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS GIVEN NEW SIGNIFICANCE TO THE PROBLEM OF WHAT THE NEGRO WANTS. IT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME THE NEGRO IN THE SOUTH HAS BEFORE HIM THE PROMISE OF A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

THE NEGRO IS, FIRST OF ALL, A HUMAN BEING, EQUIPPED WITH HUMAN DIGNITY AND THE FUNDAMENTAL LONGINGS OF ALL SOCIAL BEINGS. AS A RACIAL GROUP, HE IS NO BETTER OR WORSE THAN ANY OTHER GROUP. HE SHARES WITH ALL MANKIND A DESIRE FOR SECURITY. BUT AS AN INDIVIDUAL, HE IS OFTEN THE PITIFUL VICTIM OF INSECURITY. THE HISTORY OF THE NEGRO, AS ALAN PATON, AUTHOR OF "CRY THE BELOVED COUNTRY," HAS WRITTEN, HAS BEEN THE HISTORY OF HOPE AND DESPAIR, OF ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION, OF JUSTICE AND TERROR. BUT THE NEGRO HAS BORNE THE TRIALS OF HISTORY WITH PATIENT GRACE.

The Negro asks, however, not to be judged as a racial order. He asks to be judged simply as a human being, as a free citizen in a free land. He is willing to accept, and clearly has earned judgment as an individual, without discrimination or favor, bearing both the rights and duties of American citizenship.

The Negro has already proved to the nation and to the world that he deserves a position of responsibility and trust.

Carl T. Rowan, author of "The Pitiful and the Proud" and a prize-winning American journalist, phrased it this way in a 1956 article for Look Magazine:

"There is a new Negro in the land. He is better educated, economically stronger, and he strides toward freedom with a determination bolstered by the knowledge that the major forces at work in the world today are on his side."

What does the Negro really want? Mr. Rowan toured the South two years after the Supreme Court decision asking this question of every Negro he met. From cotton pickers to college presidents, he heard much the same story:

"The Negro wants his children to grow up free from the scourges of illness, ignorance and poverty. He wants the opportunity to work at the best job for which his intellect and training qualify him. He wants to live in a society where individuals are free to associate,

whatever their race or background. The Negro wants a voice in the government that shapes his life. Perhaps most of all, the Negro wants the dignity to which free men are entitled. He wants to be judged on his individual merits as a first class American citizen..."

What does the Negro really want? Dr. Harry V. Richardson, President of Gannon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Ga., answers:

"He wants that every southern child shall be able to live and grow and learn in the South, without having the stigma of inferiority stamped on his skin or burned into his soul.

"He wants the right to secure any kind of work of which he is capable, without being denied because of his skin.

"He wants access to every puslis privilege or service to which a citizen is entitled, without having to crawl in through back doors or to stand behind screens like an outcast or a dog.

"He wants an American's participation in the processes of government, receiving all rights and protections, and bearing all responsibilities."

What does the Negro really want? Dr. Benjamin Mays, President of Morehouse College in Atlanta answers:

"We all know that legalized segregation is a badge of inferiority, imposed by one group upon another. It stigmatizes the Negro as being unfit to move about as a free human being. The Negro wants the stigma

"REMOVED SO THAT HE, TOO, CAN WALK THE EARTH WITH DIGNITY. NO MAN WANTS TO BE PENALIZED FOR BEING WHAT GOD MADE HIM. THE NEGRO WANTS EQUALITY BEFORE GOD AND EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW."

RESPONSIBLE NEGRO CITIZENS SUCH AS THESE ARE REALISTICALLY AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN THE GOALS THEY SPEAK OF WITH SUCH DEDICATION.

"NEGROES ARE NOT INSENSITIVE TO THE MANY AND VARIED PROBLEMS WHICH THIS DECISION RAISES," SAYS JAMES T. TAYLOR, PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AT NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE. "WE ARE RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE. IN SUCH A SPIRIT WE OFFER OUR MINDS AND HEARTS. WE WILL SIT DOWN IN NORTH CAROLINA WITH GROUPS OF WHITE CITIZENS WHO ARE WILLING TO MAKE A SINCERE EFFORT TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS."

HERE THEN IS THE CHALLENGE AND THE OPPORTUNITY—NOT ONLY IN NORTH CAROLINA BUT IN THE ENTIRE SOUTH. THERE IS NOTHING IN THE PROBLEM FACING SOUTHERNERS TODAY WHICH CANNOT BE RESOLVED BY RESPONSIBLE WHITE AND NEGRO CITIZENS SITTING DOWN TOGETHER IN MUTUAL RESPECT.

ONCE ATTITUDES AND VIEWS HAVE BEEN SHARED, SINCERE SOUTHERNERS, COMMUNITY BY COMMUNITY, CAN ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO THE FACTS.

THE DIFFICULTIES, AWESOME AS THEY ARE, CAN BE SOLVED AFTER A SOLID MUTUAL RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

IN THE SOUTH TODAY, THE CHALLENGE IS INDEED GREAT AND COMPELLING. IN THE WORDS OF LINCOLN NEARLY A CENTURY AGO:

"THE DOGMAS OF THE QUIET PAST ARE INADEQUATE TO THE STORMY PRESENT. THE OCCASION IS PILED HIGH WITH DIFFICULTY AND WE MUST RISE WITH THE OCCASION."

IS INTERPOSITION THE ANSWER?

Sensible Southerners will scorn the "doctrine of interposition" as a means of meeting the challenge of the United States Supreme Court decision on segregation in the public schools.

It is little more than a spectre from the nation's tortured past. As an instrument of protest, it is without legal validity. As a basis for open defiance of the Court's authority, it is totally impotent.

Interposition offers no solution for the South. If pursued to irresponsible ends, this rejected doctrine can do great damage to the South's moral image at a time when the need is for clear, practical thinking and responsible leadership.

Interposition as a theory is not new. It is a label for the doctrine that any one of the American states has the legal right to "interpose" its sovereignity against an exercise of national governmental power deemed by that state to violate the federal Constitution, and specifically deemed to violate it by usurping powers not delegated to the national government but reserved to the states or to the people. The idea is that the state's sovereign, protective right of resistance is "placed between" the national government's act and the state's citizens.

As a matter of basic doctrine, there is no substantial difference between interposition and nullification. Both assume the same theory of "states' rights", and both have the same objective — to nullify an act of Congress, the President, or the Supreme Court.

The interposition resolution recently passed by the Alabama Legislature said flatly that the Supreme Court decision was "null, void and of no effect." The resolution passed by the Virginia General Assembly contained no such harsh language, but some legislators said nullification was implied.

The earliest assertions of the doctrine of interposition came in 1798-99 in the Kentucky and Virginia resolutions protesting the Alien and Sedition Acts of Congress.

There are records of a form of interposition being practiced in Pennsylvania in 1804 by a governor who ordered out state troops to resist a federal court decree. Later, Georgia and Alabama forcibly prevented the execution of federal laws and court decrees relating to the Indians. Once the Georgia House of Representatives even passed a bill providing that any federal marshal who attempted to enforce a particular federal court decree would be hanged. South Carolina's nullification of the tariff laws in 1832 was based upon a theory expounded by John C. Calhoun.

But it was soon clear that nullification without secession was unworkable. Thus the way was paved for the tragedy of the Civil War.

One of the South's leading authorities on the interposition question is Prof. Wylie H. Davis of the Law School of the University of Texas. He was asked in 1956 by the Southern Education Reporting Service, an objective, fact-finding agency, if the doctrine had any legal basis today. He answered:

"In this writer's candid opinion there is no legal basis whatever for "interposition" as a nullifying or voiding device. An anything more than a

"FORMAL AND OFFICIAL PROTEST AGAINST FEDERAL ACTION, THE DOCTRINE IS A LEGAL ABSURDITY. OF COURSE IT WAS NEVER RECOGNIZED BY THE FEDERAL COURTS IN ANY CASE WITH RESPECT TO RIGHTS OR IMMUNITIES CREATED OR PROTECTED BY THE U. S. CONSTITUTION, TREATIES, OR VALID FEDERAL STATUTES. AND AS A REPUTABLE POLITICAL THEORY, 'INTERPOSITION' IN THE NULLIFICATION SENSE WAS DEALT A GRIEVOUS BLOW BY THE HENRY CLAY-ENGINEERED TARIFF COMPROMISE OF 1833. AFTER THAT EVEN MOST OF THE SOUTHERN LEADERS WHO CHAMPIONED THE RIGHT OF SECESSION DID NOT CONTEND THAT A STATE COULD BOTH NULLIFY AND REMAIN IN THE UNION. CERTAINLY THE OUTCOME OF THE CIVIL WAR DID NOT ENHANCE THE LEGAL AND POLITICAL LUSTER OF 'INTERPOSITION.'

"IN OUR FEDERALISM THERE IS NO HIGHER JUDICIAL AUTHORITY THAN THE SUPREME COURT WITH RESPECT TO THE VALIDITY OR INVALIDITY OF ANY GOVERNMENTAL (AND SOMETIMES INDIVIDUAL) ACTION, STATE OR FEDERAL, UNDER THE U. S. CONSTITUTION. THE COURT'S SUPREME AUTHORITY INCLUDES ITS POWER TO INTERPRET THE CONSTITUTION IN A SPECIFIC CASE, AS WELL AS TO APPLY THE CONSTITUTION. SUPREMACY IN THIS FIELD RESULTS FROM THE 'SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND' CLAUSE OF ARTICLE VI AND THE COURT'S ASSUMPTION OF THE POWER OF JUDICIAL REVIEW IN MARBURY V. MADISON (1803). AS A GENERAL PROPOSITION, THE LATTER POWER HAS NOT BEEN SERIOUSLY QUESTIONED SINCE THE CIVIL WAR, EVEN IN CASES 'ARISING UNDER' THE U. S. CONSTITUTION BUT ORIGINATING IN THE STATE COURTS....."

INTERPOSITION HAS A SEDUCTIVE APPEAL FOR MANY SOUTHERNERS TODAY. BUT AS A LEGAL PROPOSITION, IT HAS NO VALIDITY. IT IS AN ERROR WHICH HAS LED TO TROUBLE IN THE PAST AND PROMISES NOTHING BETTER IN THE FUTURE.

WHETHER ONE AGREES OR DISAGREES WITH THE SUPREME COURT'S DESEGREGATION DECISION IS BESIDE THE POINT. ALL AMERICANS —NORTH AND SOUTH — SHOULD BE

UNITED IN A DEVOTION TO THE CONSTITUTION AND TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AS WE HAVE KNOWN IT THROUGH THE YEARS. THE TRADITIONS AND PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH THAT GOVERNMENT IS BASED ARE WORTHY OF THE RESPECT OF EVERY CITIZEN.

INTERPOSITION IS NOT THE ANSWER TO THE SOUTH'S PROBLEM TODAY. THE ONLY SENSIBLE ANSWER LIES IN THE IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN RESPONSIBLE SOUTHERNERS, WHITE AND NEGRO, THROUGHOUT THE REGION.

THE COURT HAS PROVIDED TIME AND FLEXIBILITY FOR SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES TO WORK OUT THEIR WAYS OF MEETING THE MORAL AND LEGAL CHALLENGES OF THE COURT'S DECISION.

IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CALM, CONSTRUCTIVE GOOD WILL, RACIAL DIFFERENCES CAN BE RESOLVED IN PEACE. DEFIANCE, RESISTANCE, NULLIFICATION, REPRESSION AND INTIMIDATION MUST NOT BECOME THE ORDER OF THE DAY. ONLY IN MATURITY, RESPONSIBILITY AND A RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY, WILL THE SOUTH FIND SOLUTIONS WHICH ARE CONSISTENT WITH ITS OWN TRADITIONAL SENSE OF JUSTICE.

September 5, 1956

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Here are the promised copies of the material concerning the Sumter County Citizens' Council's accusation against SRC. Harold's advice is that you should talk the matter over with people in Sumter County and decide whether or not you want to release Mr. Walter's letter to the Sumter County newspaper. We think that the release of the statement is the only thing that should be considered at this time.

Three points in consideration are: whether the South Carolina Council should release the statement to the paper, whether we, SRC, should release the statement to the paper, or whether the statement should be released at all?

Let us know what your wishes are.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

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September 17, 1956

Mrs. Alice Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Thank you for your letter of the 7th which I found in the office after spending sometime in Mississippi. As a little note of encouragement you may be happy to know that there are some areas which make South Carolina look like the land of liberalism!

I gather from your very helpful letter that you had planned to send the biographical sketches back to me with your notations on them. These were not included in your letter of the 7th. Would you please check this for me?

I think there is no question but that the South Carolina Citizens Council movement and the third party movement there are very close. Unfortunately few of these developments had taken place when I was there and the report was written prior to the announcement of the third party. Thus I am left to depend on newspaper accounts. Any information you can give me would be helpful and as a matter of personal interest I certainly would like to have your evaluation of the success of this current movement.

Unfortunately I will not be back in South Carolina since our time is already borrowed. This I very much regret and I too trust that I shall be able to see you again in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

PA:mbo

September 17, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for your last letter in which you raise two questions.

As to the first, we should be delighted to get a supply of literature distributed in years past by SRC. You are quite right that this material is usually in scarce supply and has historical value. We appreciate your thinking of us.

In regard to the carry-over of Mr. McCain's August salary, our deal still stands. However, the amount was to be that of one month's normal salary for Mr. McCain; Mrs. Alexander tells me that this figure is $416.64 rather than the $500 you mentioned. This amount will be available to the South Carolina Council after October 1st, quite apart from the allocation that Dr. Mitchell wrote you about earlier. If the professional salaries are completely taken care of by the general allocation from SRC, you are free to use the $416.64 carry-over for other organizational purposes.

I hope this clears up the matter and conforms to your understanding of our agreement in July.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Sept. 7, 1956

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Since setting up our office we have gradually accumulated through a number of the "old timers" a considerable body of literature formerly distributed by SRC and its predecessor. We are interested in keeping a few copies each of this material, and shall gladly share the rest of it with your office, if there is some disposition which you would like to make of it. No doubt, research students on this subject will become increasingly interested in this type of material. It seems too valuable historically and otherwise just to dump it.

416.64

Please advise if you would like to have us send or bring it to you when there is passing.

Since receiving the communication from Dr. Mitchell indicating that our allotment from Southern Regional Council for next year will be $10,000 - salaries for Mr. McCain and me, we have wondered about the $500.00 which you wrote would be released to us on the basis of Mr. McCain's work on your project for the month of August. We do not mean to sound "greedy" - confess we may wish to be, however. There is no way for us to find out the answer to this without asking the question!

Hope you may find it possible to secure this for us in line with our understanding in July. In any case, please advise.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ig

October 12, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for the copy of Mrs. Simon's note on the Charleston Navy Yard cafeteria. I'm looking forward to such further information as you may receive from Dr. W. W. Jones.

My thanks also for the manuscript by Dr. Charles S. Johnson. As you perhaps know, it provided the basis for an article by him in the New York Times Magazine of September 23rd, which we are planning to reprint either in New South or as a separate leaflet.

Dr. Mitchell is following through on your request that he write Mr. Keels, enclosing a copy of Representative Walter's letter and requesting a correction of the false charge against SRC.

We are well pleased with our Thermo-Fax duplicating machine. It is very useful for making a limited number of copies of printed material or clearly typed correspondence. However, it does not copy anything in color, and it must be used with some care to avoid damage to the mechanism. The retail price of the one we bought was $338.87 including tax.

I am returning one of the clippings you sent, since it seems to have been erroneously put together. I'm enclosing the copies requested.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

October 9, 1956

Mr. Harold Fleming
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Harold,

About the Sumter situation--the steering committee requests that Dr. Mitchell send Mr. Keels a copy of Mr. Walter's reply to him and that he (Dr. Mitchell) request Mr. Keels to correct publicly the uncorrect statement pulblished by him on August 14, 1956. We shall appreaciate your handling this matter for us.

We are becoming increasingly aware of the value of sharing with our Board Members and other key persons certain materials and clippings which they would otherwise miss. The problem of duplicating these is becoming increasingly acute--time element for one office secretary. Please give us information on your recently acquired duplicating equipment cost, ease of operation and your judgement of its' value. Meantime, a favor: please keep the enclosed clippings if you'd like, but send us 8 copies each of the clippings thus marked. Thanks.

The enclosed report came to us today from Mrs. Albert Simons, 84 S. Battery, Charleston. Mrs. Simons is the immediate post president of the South Carolina League of Women Voters.

On Sunday I interviewed Dr. W. W. Jones, 186 Coming Street, Charleston S. C. about the cafeteria situation. Dr. Jones is a Negro dentist and and a member of our Board. He has promised a full report soon. He said "the opposition" has stooped to distorting facts seriously. One propaganda line has insisted that the cafeteria is being used by Negro men and white women only. The stenographers and secretaries have consistently refused to be diverted. However, many white men have discontinued using the cafeteria, Dr. Jones said. More of this when Dr. Jones' report arrives.

At Fisk last summer Dr. Johnson lent me a copy of a reply to the Waring article which appeared in Harpers last January. He submitted it to Harpers but it was turned down. He gave me permission to have copies made and to use as I saw fit. It has occurred to me that you might wish to use in part in New South, or otherwise.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Mr. Waring and the-----
Five newspaper clippings

October 12, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We do not have any extra copies of the mimeopraph on The American Traditions Project. We will send you, under separate cover, a few of the extras we have. It would be fairly easy for you to have them mimeopgraphed in your own office if you need more copies.

Regarding the two questions your Board authorized you to ask the Central Office--here is an attempt to answer:

(1) RE: tax exemption and obtaining a charter. If your Board feels that this is propitious to seek a charter at this time in the State of South Carolina, then our advise is to proceed with care and with competent legal council. The same is true for seeking tax exemption.

(2) RE: Approaching the Governor to request that he set up a bi-racial committee on human race. This was done here in Georgia by Guy Wells and his Board. The Governor di not let him do it, but at least it made him aware that there were right thinking individuals in the state. Again the decision would have to be made by your executive committee or Board.

I do not have a list at hand of all of the states which have official human rights commissions, but I have recently read that some 64% of the American people now live in states or cities which have commissions.

Some of these commissions have proved very effective. Particularly those with teeth--enforcement provisions. Others have proved less effective where only the power of persuasion is available. Still others have proved hindrances to progress because they served as a defense for officials who want to do nothing.

Any such commission appointed by the Governor in the Deep South today would bear careful watching.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Director, Assistant

FBR/bsc

November 27, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
3401 Brookwood Court
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Lightwood plans perfect!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

1508 Lady St.
Columbia, S. C.
November 20, 1956

Dear George:

The man upon whom we were depending for the light-wood "let me down". However, I can buy approximately one-third sack of the split wood for $1.00. From $6.00 to $8.00 will fill a good sized barrel, I'm sure.

However, Mr. McCain is going into the rural area where the economic reprisals have hit hardest and thinks someone there will be able to supply the order and benefit thereby. If he can't work it out by next week I'll go ahead here, ship directly to your neice and send you the bill--all right?

When does your resignation take effect? It won't seem either natural or right. You'll never realize how often we quote you in getting over some good answers to the many difficult questions being asked. You've become a symbol that we count upon; you'll be missed as George Mitchell, too!

Your devoted service has been an inspiration.

Best ever,

Alice N. Spearman

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman

ANS/sw

December 20, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
The S. C. Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

It's good to know that the newly adopted policy memo is in harmony with your own recent thinking on strategy. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough to supply the 50 copies, but 25 have been mailed. I know you will be at pains to see that they remain "in the family", and that none of them fall into the wrong hands.

We'd like to be represented at your next strategy committee meeting. I will write you further about that, if I may, a little later.

I deeply appreciate your kind words about the new job. I hope I can live up to them.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

December 14, 1956

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Harold:

The contents of Dr. Clement's memo is thrilling. Can't wait to be a part of a full discussion of all the possibilities, which I think are great. Modestly (my tongue is in me cheek), "Great minds do run in the same channels". You should have been in on our Strategy Committee meeting on December 12th, the day before your memo came. We did not get far off the ground, but we will. Too much to discuss. The follow-up meeting of the Strategy Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23rd.

May we have about 50 copies of the Clement memo; one for each member of our Board and the others for key persons who think with us? I want the Board familiar with the memo before our next quarterly meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, January 30th at 2 o'clock. It would be fine if you, Fred, or C. H. might meet with us. We always welcome your participation and help.

Congratulations again to you and to us that you will be the Southern Regional Council Director. You and the Council have been one for a long while and its fine that you will fill the top leadership post at this crucial time. Best always!

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

January 2, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Thanks for making sure that we knew about the December issue of "The Citizens' Council." We have just received a copy. As someone in the office here remarked, they showed remarkably little originality in their attack on SRC and the Fund. But I guess they consider one untruth as good as another.

The sad fact is that we subscribe to no South Carolina papers - in fact, no Southern dailies but the Atlanta Constitution, the Daily World, and the Chattanooga Times. For the rest, we have to depend on clippings sent us by the state groups or other friends over the region. So you may safely assume that any clippings of significant items - particularly those of South Carolina happenings - will be warmly welcomed.

Best wishes for 1957.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

December 28, 1956

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

We have just received the December 1956 issue of "The Citizens' Council", official paper of the Citizens' Council of America, which is published in Jackson, Mississippi. I do not know whether or not you subscribe to this paper. If you do not I am sure you will be interested in this issue as it has a great deal to say about the the Fund for the Republic and the Southern Regional Council.

Won't you have Florence Irving or someone on your research staff write us about what South Carolina papers you subscribe for? For sometime I have wondered what clippings to send you as it has seemed that you must be subscribing to the News and Courier and other South Carolina dailys.

With every good wish for the new year, I am

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1508 LADY STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

January 10, 1957

Dear Board Member:

The Rev. J. Claude Evans, chairman, is calling the regular quarterly Board of Director's meeting for Wednesday, January 30, 1957, at 2:00 p.m., in room 416 of the Methodist Center, 1420 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina. Please plan to attend.

Kindly read carefully the memorandum from the Southern Regional Council on "Proposals re Future of SRC" which was sent you with the monthly reports, and come to the Board Meeting ready to discuss it and related matters.

Transportation cost will be paid at the rate of 5¢ per mile, if you travel by car. Where possible please make up car pools in order to keep expenses at a minimum. If you travel by train or bus, you will be reimbursed for cost of ticket.

We shall be expecting you.

Faithfully yours,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

James T. McCain

James T. McCain
Associate Director

JTM/sw

TO: JC
PA ** FOR YOUR INFORMATION

January 11, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

We could run off additional copies of our releases for you without any trouble. The next time we put out something suitable, we will do so.

Glad to have the information about Spartanburg's buses and would welcome a current report. We checked only those cities where (according to our files) the transit systems had announced an official change of policy. We didn't have Spartanburg, and our information was that Columbia's changes were the result of quiet flouting of local regulations rather than an official revision of the rules. Is that correct?

Undoubtedly there are more than 21 cities where some mixed seating is found. But in order to keep our findings unchallengeable, we stuck to places that we knew had clearly changed both in policy and practice.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

P. S. The Camden sermon is very, very good. We will order some additional copies.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

January 4, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

I am keenly interested in our effecting closer coordination of our fact-finding, reporting and distribution efforts. I had assumed that you subscribed to the News & Courier because you have had almost immediately certain significant items published in it--as for example the Beaufort man's letter on the Regional Council which George Mitchell answered saying SRC is Not A Successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. As you know, George's letter, published 12-7-56, immediately sparked a "honey" from Stanley F. Morse and that was published 12-16-56!

You certainly may count upon us for sending significant items.

Mr. McCain and I are in agreement that SRC releases are seldom used in our South Carolina newspapers. Therefore, we would like a working agreement with you for 40-50 copies of your releases to be run off at the time your supply is mimeographed. We will gladly bear the cost of same and it will be a big help to our already over worked system of distribution. Of course if this is too much extra work for you, we will understand if your reply must be negative. Since you will already have the stencils and your mimeograph set up, I hope it won't be. We can pay for a supply of paper, mailing costs etc., or just a flat amount, determined by you. Let us hear.

We are glad to have your news release for January 7th and I hasten to refer you to my June 1956 monthly report, page 2, paragraph 4, from which I quote:

After the I. C. C. ruling the Spartanburg buses were painted and signs were covered which directed (Negro) patrons to segregated seating areas. There was no abrupt change in seating practices, but gradually more and more Negroes are adopting the new practice.

This information was given me by Dr. H. C. Oglesby, Spartanburg dentist and his assistant. Dr. Oglesby has been president of the Spartanburg branch of the NAACP. I have not had a later report. Were your inquiries addressed to transit companies and/or city

officials. I'd be interested in knowing what South Carolina cities, if any, were included in the spot survey. From conversations with Columbians I understand that there is a gradual breaking down of rigid segregation practises. Mr. McCain reported in December, an independently carried out testing of South Carolina segregation laws by Allen University students who rode buses all over Columbia, sitting wherever they could find seats. Nothing happened.

I spent several hours yesterday talking with persons of wide and diverse contacts getting their responses to recent flare-ups of violence*, to editorial comments, and to conditions in South Carolina in general. Without exception persons contacted felt that public acceptance of bus desegregation is coming rapidly and peacefully.

Cordially yours,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

P.S. See my December report which will be sent within next day or so. A.N.S.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street

COLUMBIA, S. C.

January 18, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Harold:

After writing you on January 4th I requested Mr. McCain to check on the status of bus transportation in Spartanburg and Greenville. You will have his report.

"e are glad you will be able to run off extras for us of your significant mineographed releases. Thanks!

Camden Situation--By now you will have heard that the Rev. Stiles Line's sermon sparked a controversy of some magnitude: As Julian Scheer wrote in the Charlotte News 1-15-57, "His position in the community may become untenable". For background on Mr. Lines see my Report of January 1956, page 3, under the heading, CAMDEN. I am enclosing Mr. Scheer's article on Camden and also one by W. D. Workman which was published in the Charleston News & Courier, January 14, 1957.

Three other matters of interest have been given attention recently. They are as follows: Rock Hill Pastors Have Challenged Racial Supremacy Views in a public statement which Dr. Dewey Duckett, M.D. chairman of the Rock Hill chapter, writes me has drawn and is still drawing some unfavorable comments. (See enclosure from the Rock Hill Evening Herald and a letter to the editor, On White Supremacy which Dr. Duckett sent also.)

A Ground Swell for Law and Order (with pecular overtones, at times) growing out of the Camden and other incidents as you may infer from the Greenville News January 14, 1957, and January 15, 1957, from the Cheraw Chronicle January 3, 1957, as well as from other clippings. Also, in this connection you will be interested in the letter to the editor from John H. Wrighten, Negro Att'y. of Charleston. Mr. Wrighten was the plaintiff in the law school case which lead to the establistment of the law school at State College in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Plans Being Made To Sell 'South's Cause'--Since SRC is hoping to enter the national 'cold war' with effective ammunition, you will be interested in W. D. Workman, Jr.'s article from the News & Courier January 18, 1957 which describes proposals to be made to the S. C. General Assembly.

In case you didn't notice Graves' feature, I call your attention to his hope that in the Clinton case "every item of the constitutional outrage" will be uncovered and publicized. "The job is for Southern

editors and publicists...."

As a part of the partisan activity, plans of the Citizens Councils to Launch Membership Drives is interesting. The enclosed clipping from the News & Courier, January 18, 1957 contains some choice morsels which are related to Mr. Martin's report of his contacts with Mr. Rogers, the executive director.

As there are our only copies of these clippings, please return.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

1/23/57

HCF:

Did call Mrs. Spearman today. She said that of course they were disappointed that you could not arrange to come or to send someone, but that she understood, in view of the meetings, etc. . . .

EAB.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 LADY STREET

COLUMBIA, S. C.

January 21, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Harold:

A friend has just 'phoned to tell me how constructive she thought your (NBC) WIS-TV appearance was over the Esso News on Saturday the 19th. Neither Mr. McCain nor I saw you but are delighted. Gren Seibels who gives the Esso News daily is a friend of mine. He has a good orientation and wants to help. He admits he is still confused and is somewhat limited by his sponsors.

A news item from the News & Courier, January 21, 1957 says that a countywide meeting of the Association of Charleston County Citizens Councils is scheduled for tonight in Mount Pleasant. I quote, "Funds will be collected to help hire lawyers for defendants in the Clinton, Tennessee trial".

An old copy of The White Sentinel was given Mr. McCain in Sumter. We are keeping samples of such literature. If you have not seen a copy, we'll lend this to you as I am sure you will be interested.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

Important!

ANS/sw

P.S. In a previous letter from you, you wrote that someone would cover our strategy comm. mtg. on Wed., Jan. 23 when and that we'd hear more about it later. We meet at 2 p.m. in Mr. Evans office, 1420 Lady St. Our Bd. mtg. is one week later in the same building, the Metro. Center A

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

January 26, 1957

To: Harold Fleming

From: Alice N. Spearman

Re: "Selling 'it' to the rest of the country".

Know you are interested in this theme song of "selling" '<u>it</u>' to the rest of the country." They have their writers, speakers, finances, etc., and have had a more <u>clear cut</u> policy, purpose and program than we for a longer period of time! Glad you are hustling and hope we may be albe to help also.

JC → Make copy of "South's Philosophy Is Praised By Dorn", (News and Courier) January 26, 1957, if you wish, and let us have it, or the original. Either will suit us.

circulated to FBR ✓
JC ✓
along with incoming ltrs mf

Return to Eab for files

February 1, 1957

Mrs. A. N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I'm sorry as can be we weren't able to be represented at either of your meetings. As Mr. Dabbs will probably have told you, we were all up to our ears in a meeting of our own executive committee yesterday. As soon as we get our own situation under better control, we'll be more helpful.

I appreciate the information and clippings you've been sending. This kind of intelligence helps us to keep in touch as nothing else can. I've passed the clippings on internally, with the request that they be returned as you asked.

It is true that John Griffin has held some off-the-record conversation with the Clarendon County people about the possibility of a sociological study, but the matter has been dormant for some time and we doubt that anything will come of it. In the end, I don't think they would buy a guy like John, and I'm not sure he would buy them.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

Ans

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

January 25, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Harold:

We were sorry that no one from your office was able to attend our strategy committee meeting. However, we hope that it may be possible for some of you to attend our Board meeting on January 30th, at 2:00 o'clock in Room 416 at 1420 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

I continue to hear rumors that John Griffin of Emory University has been approached by trustees of the Clarendon County School District which was affected by the Supreme Court's decision on public school segregation. I have given a background on this situation in a number of my reports. However, I have not mentioned before this rumor which persists. When you see Mr. Griffin, I shall appreciate your asking him if there is any basis for this, and what the status may be at present.

S. C. General Assembly and Segregation Laws--The S. C. General Assembly convened January 8th. On January 9th, Governor Timmerman addressed this body. In the brief statement on segregation, he said, "I have no further recommendation at this time for changing our segregation laws. We were among the first to put our House in order. It is to the credit of all our citizens that we have not been disturbed by serious outbreaks of violence. I know that you share with me the hope of continued peace and good order."

A similar position was taken by the Gressette Committee, set up originally to handle matters relating to school segregation and later designated to handle matters of segregation in all areas.

On January 15th, Rep. Harrell of Florence introduced a measure similar to North Carolina's uncontested Pearsall Plan.

The measure would automatically close any school in which integration occurred under state police powers.

The governor would have authority to re-open such a school after an investigation if he felt "the peace and tranquility of the community would not be disturbed" and that no pupils would be assigned contrary to parents wishes.

If the governor thought otherwise, he could re-organize the

school district and re-assign pupils.

In the event the school remained closed, the governor could make grants of tuition money to the pupils, from funds of the closed school, to be used to attend private schools.

The state would assume any contractual obligations of a closed school, such as teacher pay.

State law already cuts state funds from any school at which pupils are assigned by court order.

Harrell introduced a couple of more segregation maintenance bills in the house. One would require public carriers to maintain separate waiting and rest rooms.

This is aimed at an Interstate Commerce Commission ruling that bars segregation at passenger terminals. General state law, however, requires it.

The other would bar state, county or local police officers from assisting federal officers in making integration arrests or enforcing integration.

It further would bar jails in the state from taking persons arrested on charges stemming from segregation activity.

"This plan of mine," Harrell said of his school bill, "is similar in many respects to the Pearsall Plan in North Carolina. It throws the cloak of the state's authority around the schools, and I believe it will be favorably received in the legislature."

On January 22nd, the Senate sent the House an anti-barratry bill, establishing stiff fines for officials of organizations inciting litigation. The maximum would be $5,000 and/or two years in jail. The measure, by Sen. West of Kershaw, strikes at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and its school integration suits.

On January 24th, a new bill was introduced in the General Assembly which would expose NAACP's rolls to the public. Rep. Holland of Kershaw was the author of the measure that would slap on a $100-a-day fine for failure to file member rolls in the office of the secretary of state.

The NAACP further would be required to file supplementary lists each January 1st.

South Carolina wants to be represented at U. S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee hearings on so-called civil rights legislation. The House adopted a suggestion and the Senate will consider it next week that a joint resolution ask that

the Judiciary Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives grant a hearing to South Carolina spokesmen during the forthcoming hearings on the civil rights bills. The resolution does not specify how the spokesmen for the state would be chosen, but asks that the Judiciary Committee chairman give the governor "timely notice" so that representatives of the state might be selected for the appearance.

Governor Timmerman and State Attorney General T. C. Callison each sent a telegram to Rep. Celler (D-N9) chairman of the House Juciciary Committee asking that South Carolina be heard.

<u>Elloree Case is Sent Back to State Courts: Three Federal Judges Each File Opinions.</u> This suit involves Negro teachers and the NAACP. As we have an extra newspaper clipping of this action, we are enclosing same for you. (1) You may keep it. (1) Please return the enclosed editorial "3 Judges' Differing Views on Racial Laws Point up Fine Dividing Lines." (2)

I shall greatly appreciate it if Florence Irving or whoever may be using the newspaper clippings which I sent in my letter of January 18th, may find it possible to return these immediately as I have an urgent use for them.

I am enclosing two old clippings which I have failed to send earlier. The one dated November 19, 1956, "Liberal Cleric Hits Council" (3) may be kept by you. The other clipping (4) I shall appreciate your returning to me after you have read and/or duplicated. As it has to do with the situation in Clarendon County, I feel sure you will find it interesting.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

February 8, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

In connection with the recent news clipping concerning John Bell Williams, enclosed is a copy of a news release by the Anti-Defamation League which is for release on Monday, February 11th. We think this is quite good and you are free to mimeograph copies for distribution in South Carolina if you wish.

We still have not heard anything from Mr. Van Arkel concerning this matter, but I expect we will hear something very soon.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc
Encl.

March 8, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I have read the correspondence between you and Fred concerning Marion Wright's questions about the last issue of the South Carolina Newsletter. Enclosed is a confidential copy of my letter to Mr. Wright on this subject. As you will see I agree with him in part, although I think our organizations certainly are justified in reporting on laws in effect.

You will be hearing what is finally decided. Meanwhile, I am sure you understand that none of this is intended to reflect in any way on the judgement or discretion of the South Carolina Council. These are complicated matters and we must try to find the best answers as we go along.

I am looking forward to our get together in Atlanta. We will be advising you of the definite date shortly.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

February 26, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Alice:

I write in Harold's absence. Your letter of February 21 with the confidential quote from Mr. Wright has been received and studied here. I am enclosing on a confidential basis a copy of the letter I sent Mr. Wright. Harold may well want to discuss this further with you upon his return.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enc

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

February 21, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

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Dear Harold:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Wright from which I quote to you confidentially: "While I greatly admire your report for January 1957 and think it is a very fair and objective report, I am a little concerned about your comments on legislative matters. As you know, any direct attempt to influence legislation may be considered as political activity. To report, as you have, on what the legislature is doing may perhaps be considered as an attempt to influence the course of legislation. I think you are quite a little close to the edge and believe that you should think carefully before making any future report on legislative doings."

I fell sure that Mr. Wright is much better informed on this subject than I am. However, I have always understood that citizenship education was not to be confused with political activity. In view of the fact that we have tried to do an objective job of reporting issues before the South Carolina General Assembly which are related to our interest, and have not urged or ~~either~~ suggested any group or individual activity, I do not see how this could in any way be considered political activity. Won't you advise me fully? I assure you that it will also be kept in confidence.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

P.S. Date for our annual mtg. tentatively set for March 27. More about this later. A.

State - SC

March 15, 1957

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

You asked in a recent letter if it was all right if you supplied Art Levin, of the A.D.L. office here in Atlanta, with a copy of the monthly report of the South Carolina Council. The answer is we see absolutely no objection to it; the matter is entirely within your discretion, so, as they say at the Fund for the Republic, feel free.

I look forward to seeing you in the near future at the state staff conference to be held here in Atlanta. The date has not been definitely set yet, but will be in the next day or two, and all of our state staff people will be notified.

Best personal regards to you and Jim.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 23, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman,
Executive Director,
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice,

We hope to print a version of Mr. Dabbs' speech in a forthcoming issue of New South. I spoke with Mr. Dabbs at an Executive Committee Meeting recently and he requested that I return the manuscript for re-working by him which I am doing.

We will have to cut it for New South treatment but this can be done without altering any of his thoughts. We would like to have done a separate printing but we just do not have sufficient printing money at this time.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street

COLUMBIA, S. C.

April 22, 1957

RECEIVED APR 23 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Since Mrs. Spearman is en route to Nashville, Tennessee, she asked that I write to you in reference to our letter of April 8, 1957 concerning the reproduction of Mr. Dabbs address at our annual meeting. We usually get such prompt replies from SRC that we didn't know whether the letter could have gotten lost in the mail or not.

Mrs. Spearman will return Friday, April 26th and would like to know you plans as to reprinting this speech.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Watson

(Mrs.) Sylvia E. Watson

VC - P/s read + advise.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

HCF

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

April 8, 1957

RECEIVED APR 10 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Harold:

We are enclosing a manuscript from which Mr. Dabbs spoke at our recently held annual meeting. The audience was enthusiastic about his address and wished to have it reproduced for wide distribution. We have felt that the address would have sufficiently wide interest and appeal to suggest that SRC may wish to edit it and then print it for distribution throughout the Southern area. In this case we should wish to place an order for a number of copies with you. We hope that you may respond favorably to this suggestion. In any case, we shall appreciate hearing your reaction at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

June 11, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on
Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am sorry to be delayed in answering your last letter, but I have been out of the office with a virus lately.

I am glad that you thought the State Staff Conference worthwhile, but sorry that you felt that we had communicated with each other so poorly. I had the impression, perhaps mistakenly, that I understood what you were getting at and was in hearty agreement with your central point. Unfortunately, my sense of humor sometimes takes a bizarre turn, and I can only conclude that some of my less serious comments got taken at face value. Anyhow, I too hope that we shall have a chance to share our thoughts more fully on future occasions.

The George Mitchell film is available for June 15-21. We are sending it to you today. I will appreciate it if you ship it back to us as soon as possible after it has served your purpose.

We have received several applications for the interneship, but it will be a while before a final decision can be made.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

May 31, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold: ATTENTION: Fred Routh

Thank you and the other members of the SRC staff for your helpfulness and skill in providing a worthwhile comference last week. I am impressed with the burden and challenge you all face. My best wishes to you!

Unfortunately, a brief conference does not permit arrival at as many common denominators as one might wish. This is just a natural part of the outreach of life, I'm sure.

It is difficult to explain what we are seeing as constructive possibilities for progress in South Carolina. The focus is upon process rather than content. The terms "opportunistic" and "Machiavellian" which you used in commenting upon some statements I tried to make were so far removed as descriptive of what I was hoping to share that I realized how completely I had failed to convey my thoughts. Perhaps time and other occasions will provide the clarification we would hope for.

About the George Mitchell picture, I would like to arrange to have it used at the Opportunity School during its summer session, June 17-July 13, preferably in June. Also we will try to show it to a select group of leaders and to summer sessions at Allen University and Benedict College.

Would it be possible to lend us the film from June 15-21? Please advise.

We are interested that an intern will be available to SRC. We liked Mr. Hunt who tells us he has applied directly to you. He visited our office with Haverford students last spring and we saw him again at Fellowship House in Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

June 14, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

First thank you for your kind words in your June 12, letter. I certainly do appreciate the thought.

As to the film, Harold had mentioned it to me but we only this week received it from the distributing company. It has gone out in the mail to you, and I do believe Harold has written you already. His letter probably crossed yours in the mail.

Again thanks, and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lcc

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

June 12, 1957

Mr. John Constable
Director of Information
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear John Constable:

May 31st we wrote Harold Fleming, attention Fred Routh asking if it would be possible to lend us the George Mitchell Film from June 15th through 21st. As we have not had a reply and there are several interested groups hanging fire, I am eager to have an affirmative reply at as earlyem date as possible. I assume that Harold and Fred are away on important items of business.

If you will be good enough to attend to this matter for us we shall very much appreciate it.

In my letter to Harold I referred to a Mr. Hunt who told us that he has applied for work as an intern with SRC, under the NAIRO program. I believe that I was in error in calling him Mr. Hunt and that his correct name is Mr. Hunter.

Appreciatively,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

P. S. It was good seeing you in Atlanta recently. My congratulations to you for the fine work you're doing. a-n-s.

Cross Ref. Card

See: Dr. Gordon Lovejoy
The Nat'l Conf. of Christians & Jews, Inc.

Re: Film -"The Face of the South"

See Also: Disciples of Christ - Lewis Deer

VIA AIR MAIL

June 20, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human
Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

We have received a request for use of the film: "Face of the South" at Texas Christian University for the evening of June 27th. I understand you are to complete your use of the film today. Therefore, if the film is not in the mail to us when you receive this, would you be good enough to mail the film directly to:

Dr. Harold Lunger
Bright College of the Bible
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

S.C.H.R

June 28, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Paul Anthony is out of the city so I am taking the liberty of replying to your letter concerning the film, The Face of the South. The film is already booked to be used by Emory Via at the Fisk Race Relations Institute. He won't be able to send it back for the dates you requested it.

Usually our films are loaned for ten day periods; but since we only have one copy of this one, we have not set a definite loan period. We would hope that we would be able to send the film to persons shortly before each showing and have it returned shortly thereafter, thus eliminating any long periods of the film being away from the office.

If you would like the film again for a future showing write me the dates desired and I will let you know what we can arrange.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

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S.C.H.R

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

June 25, 1957

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Paul:

I mailed the film "Special Delivery" to Dre Lunger in Fort Worth as you requested and was assured that it would receive special handling and reach him in ample time.

An appointment we'd made to show it at the Opportunity School had been postponed and another request for it came from a board member living in Rock Hill. I'm sure there are others who will be wanting to see it. However Miss Wil Lou Gray who is direcotr of the Opportunity School is eager to get it before the session closes on July 13th. Will this be possible? If so you can ship it directly to me.

I note the usual loan period is 10 days. However we shall understand if it needs to be shortened. Just let us hear.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

June 29, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I regret very much that I have been unable to return to Columbia. I am sorry that Miss Neal is not available for our Institute.

I had good talks with Boyd Payton; about five of the Textile staff people will be attending the Institute. Since I made these arrangements through Boyd and we were attempting to reach men on his staff, I think that it is better under these circumstances that I not approach a local union officer or business agent directly.

At this point, we have some twenty definite registrants for the whole week and another five or six who will attend part-time. Thanks so much for your interest in this matter, and I hope I'll see you soon.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

June 29, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

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Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

July 1, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

On rechecking we find that we can get "The Face of the South" to you the latter part of the week beginning Monday, July 8th. Emory Via, who is using this film at Fisk University during the first of that week, will mail it directly to you from Nashville.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

July 9, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1303 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for your favorable comments on our reply to Waring, and for the clipping of the letter as he published it. On the whole, I am pleasantly surprised that he gave it as fair an airing as he did.

We will be delighted to have you give further distribution to the full mimeographed version. I am enclosing some additional copies.

All good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 25 copies of HCF Ltr. to Thomas Waring
dated June 28, 1957

Original clipping to John Constable - 7/15/57

S.C.H.R.

July 15, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I failed to return a copy of the clipping from the News and Courier. Here are two thermofax copies. If you should find yourself in need of more, let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures - 2 thermofax copies of News & Courier article, Dated: July 3, 1957

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

July 3, 1957

RECEIVED JUL 5 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Your answer to Waring is corking! His 200 word limit and right to reject or ddit stood him in good stead in this case. The enclosed clipping will be self-explanatory. Please return original or one of your nice "pulled copies".

If you can spare 10-12 copies of your mimeographed letter, I'd like to send it to at leat that many key people in Charleston and the area the Courier serves.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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July 26, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

My dear Mrs. Spearman:

I have nothing scheduled after August 13, except my proposed visit to Jacksonville. No specific dates have been set for the Jacksonville trip and it could easily be adjusted to include a stop-over for a meeting in South Carolina.

Let me know what you think of this idea and suggest possible dates for your meeting. I will be leaving Atlanta next Tuesday for two weeks but any message sent here will reach me.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:lec

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

July 31, 1957

Mr. Emory Via
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Emory Via:

"The Face of the South" was mailed to you today. Unfortunately your airmail special did not carry sufficient stamps and has just reached us.

Our use of the film has been drawn out because of some negotiations through two TV stations--WNOK-TV and WIS-TV. The former after numerous showings with staff et al decided against public showing unless or until I could get some prestige group to request same and produce a panel to discuss the film.

WIS-TV says I'm an "Indian giver" as they had just gotten set for their first staff showing.

I made it clear to Dr. Parrish what we were doing and asked for a notice if I were overstepping in holding. Sorry I didn't also notify John Constable and/or Paul Anthony. Hope you're not too greatly inconvenienced. My apology!

Will look forward to a visit with you.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

8-2-57

On this mail, I'm sending under separate cover some S. C. news items which may be of interest. Use your descretion as to showing to Harold, Fred, et al. Feel free to keep originals and send us p pulled copies or vice versa. In either case, return at your earliest convenience.

Best wishes,

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman

August 21, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

This is to acknowledge your letters which arrived while I was away.

I am enclosing a copy of the county-by-county census data which Howard McClain mentioned to you. This information was compiled on 3 x 5 cards for our use in the course of the voting study. We haven't actually done anything with it in report form. I am glad you feel that it will be useful to you.

Marion Wright has advanced ~~the~~ a suggestion with which you may be able to help us. He observes that he was at one time appointed by a South Carolina governor as a member of the South Carolina Library Board and at one time as a member of the South Carolina Commission on Adult Education. It is entirely possible that these appointments may have been made by Governor Olin D. Johnston and/or Governor J. Strom Thurmond. The appointments would have been made some 12 - 20 years ago. Presumably the secretary of the State of South Carolina would have a record of these appointments. Marion Wright suggests, "It occurs to me that it might be well to ask Mrs. Spearman if she could make some quiet investigation and get the facts as to the dates of the appointments and by whom made." Is this feasible and would you be willing to undertake it?

We have received from Courtney Siceloff the latest word as to the South Carolina Council's plans. I shall look forward to hearing the final arrangments that are worked out.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. County-by-County Census Data

August 9, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

As you know Harold Fleming is away on vacation and so I am taking the liberty of answering your two letters to him which came this morning. Thank you for the clipping and the information concerning the teacher. Please keep us informed on further events.

The county by county compilation to which you refer gives only four basic facts and since we do not have but one copy it would be difficult to send you a copy very soon. We have tentative plans for mimeographing this material in the very near future and will see that you get a copy when it comes off the press.

I am sending you a copy of the mimeograph report on voting that we put out for which we received a great deal of publicity.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encl.: The Negro Voter in the South

RECEIVED AUG 9 1957

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

August 6, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Harold Fleming: Attention: Mr. John Constable

Today's mail has brought me a letter from Mrs. Zvenia Brown, % Daniels, 750 East Avenue, NE, Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. Brown resides in Orangeburg and for the past seven years has been the director of the Student YWCA at State College. She has been dismissed by the president because she requested a raise in salary. She had not had a salary raise during her entire seven ~~seven~~ years service.

I am enclosing a newspaper account of the request made by Mrs. Vera Newlin, President at Allen University in Columbia, S. C. for the resignation of three of his staff. We are staying close to this situation and will report to you developments as they occur. Just felt that you would want to be advised of what is happening in this area.

Recently, I was visited by two members of the faculty of Benedict College. The two Negro schools are located directly across the street from each other and inter-change certain faculty members. I was told that since the dismissal or resignation of Dr. Davis which occurred this spring--you will remember my having reported this at the time, the white members of the faculty have been very ill at ease. They believe, and I am inclined to agree, that there is an official policy designed to stamp out all demonstrations of the effectiveness and desirability of bi-racial cooperation and participation. They have felt that the Davis affair has focused unfavorable light upon them and it is only a matter of time before they shall all be victims of the merciless ~~acts~~ ax!

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

P.S. 8/7/57 adding todays clipping which reports results of a hearing yesterday. A.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street

COLUMBIA, S. C.

RECEIVED AUG 9 1957

August 5, 1957

Mrs. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Harold Fleming:

I had lunch with Howard McClain a few days ago. He reported having had a fine visit with you in Atlanta recently.

I understand that you have compiled two reports, number one and number two, which give a county by county study of fourteen basic facts, material for which was taken from the 1950 census. We in this office shall greatly appreciate it if we may have a copy of this informations on either a loan or a gift basis. Thank you very much.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

RECEIVED AUG 27 1957

August 26, 1957

Dr. C. H. Parrish
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Parrish:

You are so very understanding I feel that I do not even need to go into lengthy explanation concerning my delay to your nice letter of July 26 with the offer of a date after August 13. I can tell you about this when I see you.

Our Executive Committee met on August 4 and elected me as the Executive Director. It requested that I hold interviews with prospective staff and have a report for them of alternate staff arrangements. Based on my findings, they will come to some decision. What I am hoping is that we may keep our present office secretary for the next six months on a half-time basis. Supplementing my services, we hope to have a team of consultants headed by Mr. McCain as long as he is in South Carolina. It would be my hope that the staff and a few carefully chosen persons might have the benefit of a weekend with you at Penn Community Center when these plans shall have crystalized. More of this later. Meantime, won't you give me some idea as to your probable availability after school shall have started.

With every good wish and looking forward to hearing from you soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

Signed in Mrs. Spearman's absence.

CC: Courtney Siceloff
Harold Fleming

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

September 4, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I appreciate your candid, confidential letter of September 2. It is good to have this opportunity to clear up - at least between the two of us - some of the matters that seem to be confused.

First, as to Mr. McCain. I am sorry to hear that you have found his performance so unsatisfactory. This is the first word of these inadequacies that we have received from anyone there who is in a position to know. If this sad state of affairs has long been known to you and to the officers of the South Carolina Council, I know of no reason why Mr. McCain should have been continued. As you know, the hiring and firing of state personnel rests solely with the state organization. If McCain was kept on against the better judgment of the South Carolina Council because of some feeling that Fred Routh or any other staff member wanted it that way, this was a complete and unfortunate misunderstanding. It is obviously impossible for us in this office to be closely informed enough about the performance of a state staff member to judge whether or not that staff member merits continued employment. Any passing words of commendation by any SRC staff member carries absolutely no weight in this regard.

It follows from all this that the Southern Regional Council has no official interest, direct or indirect, in the continuance of any specific staff member. The $5,000 allocation to South Carolina was made in recognition of the fact

that the State Council had a bi-racial staff structure. Personalities were not involved. There is no justification for any inference that the allocation implied the continuance of the staff as then constituted. This is a decision for the South Carolina Council alone to make.

My call to McCain the other day concerning follow-up of the voting survey had no relation to the South Carolina Council as such. As you know, McCain took leave to serve as our voting survey consultant for South Carolina. His findings as to two counties were publicly disputed by local registrars. Before we put our report into print, I wanted to be sure that all such denials were carefully checked and that we were as certain as possible of the accuracy of our findings. Therefore, I called Mr. McCain to ask him for a rebuttal of the denials voiced in South Carolina. It was his decision that a visit to the two counties in question was indicated. I was not asking him to undertake new research, but simply to verify the results of the research he conducted for us. No implications whatever for the South Carolina Council can or should be drawn from this routine follow-up of the voting survey.

You are correct in assuming that the decision power as to allocations to the state groups rests with our Executive Committee. At its last meeting, the Committee set up a sub-committee of its members to work with the staff and ratify final arrangements worked out with the state groups. So, while SRC staff will recommend, the final decision will be made by that sub-committee.

Mrs. Ruff sounds fine as a candidate for the position of Assistant with clerical skills. If the South Carolina Council arranges for this kind of bi-racial staffing and adheres to a total budget of $10,000, it is my own feeling that SRC could conscientiously approve the allocation as tentatively decided upon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 25, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for your two recent letters. Things have been moving with such a breath-taking speed in the Little Rock crisis that we hardly know how to plan deployment of staff in the period just ahead. Naturally we want to be represented at both your executive committee and annual meetings.

I am afraid that attendance at your annual meeting is out of the question for me. As you may know, our own annual meeting takes place on November 12-13, with early arrivals and preliminary conferences complicating matters. We have tentatively agreed that Fred should plan to be there. Unless we hear otherwise from you or you hear otherwise from us that will be the plan.

That leaves the possibility of my being with you at an executive committee meeting in October. As matters now stand, it looks as though the weekend of October 12-13 would be the best time for me. If you can set up these dates, let me know and I will make my plans accordingly.

I am glad that you got a chance for some real relaxation, and that things are now looking up for the South Carolina Council. If I can consider your letter of September 23 a definitive statement of the South Carolina Council's intentions, I believe that will be sufficient for us to agree upon. We do need to

know how you would like to handle New South subscriptions. If you will write me about this, I will see that the rest of the staff is informed.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

September 23, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

As a participant in a Friends Retreat held at Penn Conference Center Saturday and Sunday I have returned to Columbia more enthusiastic than ever over our plan to hold a SCCHR meeting there in October. We wish it might be possible for several of SRC staff to be with us. However you will doubtless find it difficult to schedule even one person for this meeting and another for the November 7th meeting. Naturally since you're our new director we hope that you'll be free to participate as a speaker and/or discussion leader in one of them. This repetition of what I wrote in my last letter is to emphasize that we're eager for your reply in order to complete plans.

Although our executive committee took conclusive action on the matter of staff and of budget on Sunday, September 15th several members were unable to attend and I wanted to talk fully with each of them personally to be sure there was unanimity. Howard McClain has just returned from Washington and is back in his office today.

It has been agreed that SCCHR will attempt to raise a minimum of $5,000 and hopefully operate on a budget of not less than $10,000.

Mrs. Ethel P. Ruff will come on our staff on October 1st in an assistant director-secretary capacity and we are all pleased with the prospect. As I have written you previously of her qualifications, I shall not add anything further unless you have questions. At least for the first quarter, Mrs. Ruff will work full time. All have agreed that this adventure in faith will rather clearly indicate whether we can keep her full time or shall have to reduce her time to two-thirds. Mrs. Ruff feels that her contacts in Columbia will be invaluable and numerous Negroes interviewed concur.

We shall attempt to work out with John Constable and others matters involved in our new relationship--all attention Harold Fleming, of course--or should we use the reverse approach?

If you require futher detail as to the plans of SCCHR for presentation to staff and executive committee, please advise.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Sept. 17, 1957

RECEIVED SEP 18 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Thank you very much for your last letter which reached me at Myrtle Beach where I was out-mermaiding the mermaids! I shall write you rather fully upon action taken on Sunday afternoon, September 15th, in connection with the matters about which we have been corresponding. Shall clinch one or two contacts I have not yet been able to make, but should succeed in making in the next day or two, before reporting fully.

What I'm writing about now is to make two dates with you and/or other members of your staff. We are planning to hold our next Board meeting at Penn Community Services on St. Helena Island in October, and shall hold our annual fall meeting here in Columbia on November 7th. The November meeting is educational in character and often attracts many visitors who are in Columbia at that time in attendance upon the S.C. State Conference of Social Work. We want SRC staff to cover both of these meeting with us, if possible, and certainly hope that you may be able to cover at least one of them.

The plan for the Penn meeting is tentatively this: We shall arrive at Penn on a Saturday afternoon as our varying schedules may make possible. After supper, we want a meeting with you, Fred Routh, C.H. Parrish or John Hope. Naturally we'd like as many of you as can come, but realize that your busy programs may not make it possible for more than one person to come. We are planning to invite in addition to the Board members other close friends and/or members of the Council to this Saturday evening meeting. On Sunday morning, we hope to hold a brief Board business meeting. After lunch, we shall go our separate ways. Dates suggested are Oct 5-6, 12-13, or 19-20. We naturally prefer one of the later dates and suppose that you may also. However, we are game to try the earlier date if you can't be available later.

As soon as we know that you, or one or more of the others can come, we shall write you in more detail. We want a good healthy discussion defining the issues we face in broader terms than we have been prone to do, and a realistic facing of the current scene and how and what we can best do to contribute constructively in it. C.H. Parrish did a good job in small groups here and we had tentatively asked him to return before his school work began. Unfortunately we were tied up so that the proposed dates did not seem appropriate. I raised the question of later dates with him in a letter, but have not had a reply. We want our Board and close friends to have a close-up with you, but also would like you for the larger open meeting in November. Both Fred and John have done grand jobs for us and of course we'd welcome a visit from them at any time. Won't you talk it over as a staff--- the 2 dates-- and let us hear that we may expect you

over

for at least one of them and which one. Also, we'd like to know who on the staff may be free to cover the other meeting. Details will follow.

Appreciatively,

Alice N. Spearman

P.S. Sending along extras(my own feeble typing effort!) in case you need to correspond with C.H. and John. ANS

File

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

September 27, 1957

Dear Friend:

As you doubtless know our new state chairman, Courtney Siceloff, is director of Penn Community Services. Through him, we are scheduling a two day conference at Penn, October 12 and 13, of Board members and key persons from over South Carolina. Harold Fleming, director of the Southern Regional Council, has agreed to be present and to help us from his significant vantage point to focus our program in the light of the rapidly changing scene.

Informal meetings are being planned for Saturday afternoon and evening. After a worship service on Sunday morning, a brief business meeting of the Board of Directors will be held. Besides the mental and spiritual refreshment, this conference will offer an opportunity for a delightful last-of-the-season outing for the entire family.

Enclosed you will find a descriptive folder of Penn and a card for your use in notifying the Siceloffs.

Mr. Siceloff has quoted a rate of $4.50 for one person from Saturday lunch through Sunday lunch. Adjustments will be made for a shorter period. Family rates are @ $5.00 for lodging and $2.50 for each meal.

We hope very much that you and your family will be able to join us at Penn. Also, feel free to bring any committed friends with you, provided you properly notify the Siceloffs.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS FALL RETREAT

Penn Conference Center
October 12 and 13, 1957

Theme: The Role of SCCHR for 1957-1958

Registration-Saturday morning
Lunch-1 p.m.

2:30-4:30

Presiding, Courtney Siceloff, Chairman
Greetings and introductions

"Finding a Positive Focus in a Rapidly Changing Scene"
Harold Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council

Reports: The Current Scene in South Carolina

Discussion: How can SCCHR meet these challenges?

Free time and supper - 4:30-7:30

7:30-9:30

Presiding, Hawley Lynn, Chairman, Program Committee
Reports from communities:

Greenville	Florence	Charleston
Orangeburg	Columbia	Rock Hill
Spartanburg	Sumter	Beaufort-Jasper

Discussion:

1. What activities in Columbia would have significance for other communities in S.C.? For the state as a whole? For the Southern region?

2. What services from the state headquarters do we need?

Sunday morning breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
Meditation and worship - 9:00 - 10:00

10:30-12:30

Presiding, W.E. Soloman, Chairman, Finance Campaign
Discussion: Purposes and plans for the 1957-1958 campaign
Committee reports:

By-laws -J.A. Bacoats
Strategy-W.E. Soloman
Program -Hawley Lynn
Executive-Courtney Siceloff

Minutes
Treasurer's report

Closing lunch - 1 p.m.

October 4, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for your letter advising that your Board meeting is set for October 12 and 13 at Penn. I haven't got any final travel plans worked out yet, but I can tell you with certainty that I will be there by Noon or shortly thereafter on Saturday the 12th.

It has always seemed to me that meetings of this kind are best kept as much on the level of free distussion as possible. I have no great love for speech-making, but would welcome the chance to discuss with the group those matters that are uppermost in their minds. So, as for my part on the program, you could simply make me fair game for any questions or comments from the group. I may make a few preliminary remarks, though reserving the bulk of the time for give and take.

Fred has November 7 firmly marked on his calendar. You can count on his being present at your Annual Meeting.

We are pleased that the South Carolina Council has decided to include the subscription to New South in its

membership dues.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. Thanks for the suggestion that I bring Jane and the children. Much as we would like to come en famille, I am afraid we won't be able to swing it this time. But Jane and I did have a pleasant visit with the Siceloffs over the Labor Day weekend.

H.C.F.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street

COLUMBIA, S. C.

September 27, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Harold:

We are setting up the meeting of our board of directors at Penn for Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13. We do not have many items of business scheduled. As we have several doctors and dentists who will doubtless be able to attend only the Sunday meetings, we shall schedule a brief executive session that morning.

We think that what you and Penn are needed to do ~~for us~~ is to help weld us into a more effective working group. Courtney as state chairman has already made a significant contribution toward that end.

Further, we feel that you and Penn will mean too much to us for us to confine invitations to members of the board only.

As you will see from the enclosed copy of the notices we are sending out, we are leaving the Saturday program flexible until we know when you will arrive at Penn.

I shall be driving down to Penn from Columbia and presumably others will be doing so; we shall gladly arrange a ride for you from here should you find no better connection. Doubtless a plane trip to Charleston would be better. I'm sure that Courtney also will co-operate in working our any ideas you may have.

We don't want to wear you out,,but if you can work with us at an afternoon and at an evening session, it would be fine. Courtney has suggested the possibility of some kind of outing in the late afternoon.

Growing out of conferences with Dr. Parrish, we had thought that it would help us to define our work in broader terms than race relations. As you said in your letter of September 25 however, things have been moving with such breath-taking speed (in the Little Rock crisis--and consequently even here) that one doasn't quite know where to jump next or how to land either. Therefore, shall we settle for informal conferences in which you might help us to focus our program in the light of the national and international scene--from your vantage point?

Do you prefer speech making or discussion or a combination? If speech making and discussion do you prefer to handle both or shall we

ask Mr. Dabbs to lead the discussion? Any suggestions you offer will be welcomed.

About subscriptions to New South, our executive committee agreed unanimously to recommend to our membership that regular dues be raised to $5.00 and that the subscription be included.

We appreciate your coming to us and are looking forward to seeing you. It would be nice if Jane and family might come with you.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

P. S. Hope nothing will prevent Fred's being with us for the annual fall meeting on Nov 7th here in Columbia. Tell him I'll be writing him more fully later.

A. N. S.

States: SC.

October 25, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for calling to my attention the problem which Carolyn Wheeler is having with the Encampment for Citizenship. It was my understanding too that the scholarship covered everything but travel expenses. I have written Bill Shannon about the matter and will keep you informed of all developments. You will have received a copy of my letter to him and the material you asked us to return.

I will be glad to speak on "Conservation of the Human Resources of South Carolina" at your meeting on November 7. I assume this meeting is in Columbia. Would you please give me the poop on it.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

October 24, 1957

Mr. William G. Shannon, Executive Director
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, N.Y.

Dear Bill:

On October 8 you wrote to Miss Carolyn Wheeler, 549 B. Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina, that she owed the Encampment thirty dollars for her "application and registration". Mrs. Spearman our Director in South Carolina has written me about this matter. It was her understanding and ours that the scholarships offered by the Encampment through SRC were all-inclusive as to fees and living expenses while at the conference; and that recipients of scholarships were responsible only for their travelling.

When Miss Wheeler accepted the scholarship through the South Carolina Council on Human Relations (our state affiliate) she understood that her travel was to be her only cost. If this is not the case please advise me immediately and we will see what can be done to straighten the matter out.

Had a nice note from Alex Brooks and he seems to be happy in his new work.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

cc: Mrs. Alice Spearman

FBR:fcl

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

October 21, 1957

Mr. Fred Rouths
S R C
63 Auburn Ave., N E
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Fred:

The enclosures will be self-explanatory. Please return them to us together with your advise as to handling. Our information was that the recipient of the scholarship was responsible for travel only. We thus informed Miss Wheeler.

Looking forward to your reply and especially to your visit on November 7th. We're listing your address under the saption, "Conservation of the Human Resources of South Carolina". This should be broad enough to cover anything you may choose to say.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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signed in absence of

ENCAMPMENT FOR CITIZENSHIP

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Administrative Assistant

October 8, 1957

Dear Carolyn:

Our auditors are about to close the 1957 books and accounts, and we would like very much to have all of our records in order.

I understand that there is still a balance due on your account in the amount of $30, for your application and your registration fees. I hope that you will remit this as soon as possible so that we may close our books. If our records are incorrect, please let me know immediately.

Our alumni reunion will be held December 27th through 29th at the Princeton Inn in Princeton, New Jersey. It would be wonderful if you could plan to attend. Detailed information will be issued to all alumni in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

William G. Shannon

Miss Carolyn Wheeler
549 B. Street
Spartanburg, South Carolina

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street

COLUMBIA, S. C.

October 26, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Sou. Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Our delay in writing you in no way reflects our very genuine enthusiasm and appreciation of the contribution you made to our recent meetings at the Penn Conference Center. The truth is, we are finding it difficult to shrink to our size; there is so much needing to be done and that can be done, as time and strength will allow.

Thank you so much for coming to our meeting. I regretted that I did not have more opportunity for talking with you, but was glad that those who have not known you previously did.

We realize more each day how fortunate we are to have such wonderful people associated with us. Where would one find a finer person than Mr. Dabbs! Courtney is tops, too. I was sorry you missed Miss Reid's devotional. She is a former student YWCA secretary and a cousin to Mrs. McLeod of United Church Women(USA).

Mrs. Ruff is an excellent person and I only hope we shall be able to work things out so that we can keep her. We are finding that we shall probably have to supplement her services with a more skilled clerical person.

Plans are progressing for a concentrated finance campaign. Let us hope that it produces what is so badly needed! Mr. Dabbs and I will be looking around a little further for help while we are in Philadelphia next week.

We shall be changing our office soon due to objection from stenographers in the building to using the rest room with Mrs. Ruff. (I'm so ashamed of 'us gals'.) We'll keep you posted.

Faithfully yours,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

States: SC

November 4, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I will arrive by Delta Airlines at the ungodly hour of 8.20 am on Thursday, the 7th. Unfortunately I cannot stay overnight, but must return Thursday evening to Atlanta. I will be glad to set aside the afternoon to confer with all and sundry.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

NAME OR SUBJECT:

Miss Iona S. Henry

REGARDING:

Employment of teaching personnel at Mather Academy

DATE:

November 4, 1957

(SEE)

NAME OR SUBJECT:

Woman's Division of Christian Service of the
Board of Missions - THE METHODIST CHURCH

November 7, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Enclosed are copies of letters from and to The Board of Missions of the Methodist Church; each self explanatory. It occurs to me that you might possibly know of someone who would enjoy this opportunity. I understand the salaries paid by Mather Academy are quite small hense, for this and other obvious reasons, these are rightfully missionary posts.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures:

m States SC

November 12, 1957

Mr. William G. Shannon
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, N.Y.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for straightening out the Carolyn Wheeler account. I know that in the vast bureaucracy that the Encampment must have it is easy to lose an account or make a mistake in it. Both Carolyn and Mrs. Spearman are happy at the result of your efforts in searching the files.

See you in Kansas City.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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November 1, 1957

Dear Fred,

We were in error in billing Carolyn Wheeler for her application and registration. A check of our files shows that her scholarship was all-inclusive and her travel was her only cost. Please excuse the inadvertency.

Thanks very much for your good offer to endorse the Encampment at the NAIRO meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you in Kansas City.

Sincerely,

Bill

William G. Shannon

Mr. Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

cc - Miss Carolyn Wheeler
Mrs. Spearman

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

Room 100, 1745 Sumter Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

November 15, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Harold:

I am enclosing some clippings from the ~~South Carolina~~ Columbia State concerning the death of Dr. S. C. Mitchell, father of George Mitchell. I believe that George will like to have these. Since I do not have his address, I shall certainly appreciate your mailing them to him.

I am looking forward to a reply from my last letter to you. I know how very busy you are.

We are moving our office tomorrow to the following address: Room 100, 1745 Sumter Street, Columbia, South Carolina. With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

November 21, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street - Rm. 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for your two recent letters. I know George Mitchell will appreciate the clippings about his father, which we have forwarded to him.

I remember Mr. Shand very well and am sure that he would be an excellent man for the position. Unfortunately, I doubt that any of our leadership could exert any influence in the choice of personnel. What would you think of asking Judge Waring to make the recommendation to Former Justice Stanley Reid, the Commission chairman? There might be every reason why this is not practicable, but I pass the idea along as the only possibility that occurs to me.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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H.C.F.

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With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

HCL

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Nov. 9, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Attention:
Fred Routh

Dear Harold:

Thank you so much for making available to us the services of Fred Routh as speaker at our annual fall meeting. It was a big help to have someone of Fred's stature for this particular meeting at which we might have easily found ourselves ' in the dumps '. I suppose Fred told you that our Board member, Adele Minahan, who is executive director of the S.C. State Conference of Social Work did not want to list us as an affiliated conference this year due to pressures from white citizens council elements. Olin Johnston's response to Douglas use of the SRC Negro voter figures gave them grist for their mills. As a result we had few if any outsiders, such as social workers and their friends who usually constitute the main body of our audience.

Please share this with Fred as our expression of appreciation to him for a corking good job. We hope to be able to schedule as many of you as we can before status groups.

Re: CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION STAFF - Doubtless you remember Gadsden Shand , who works for the federal government and was stationed in Atlanta at the time the change in SRC organization was made from a membership organization. He served as chairman of the committee on nominations. He was a member of our board of the S.C. Division of SRC and a very effective person. He has had a healthy and sincere interest for a long time. At present he is stationed in Washington, D.C. where he has one of the 'good jobs'. However, he maintains his active contacts both in South Carolina and in other Southern states where he has formerly worked and lived. Recently, he contacted E. Smythe Gambrell, Atlanta attorney , one of his college mates, and a former president of the American Bar Association, urging him to come out with a strong, constructive statement. He believes he made an impression and that the need of follow-up is indicated.

In a brief conference with him today, I have urged him to consider a position on the staff of the newly created Civil Rights Commission, if we can get support for such an appointment. He could exert as much influence on the conservative leadership in the South as anyone of my acquaintance. Culturally, he is one of the best of that group and has the poise, wisdom and charm which give him immediate entree and acceptance. His integrity in unquestionable and his point of view is constructive and consistent. Such a person , if placed on the C.R.C. staff and

assigned to the Southern region , could make a significant contribution, I believe.

Perhaps, I should have written page one on plain paper as a personal note, if the matter of Gadsden Shand's job should be interpreted in any way as having political significance, or implications. This is certainly not the context in which I am interested.

I have wondered if Dr. Rufus Clement , Dr. Benjamin Mays or others,whom you might contact in Atlanta,might be close enough to what is going on and/or contemplated to put out some feelers, or actually endorse Mr. Shand for a staff position if and when the time is ripe. I do not believe Mr. Shand will push this matter personally , but am sure he will give serious consideration to an offer, should one be made him.

Please let me have your reaction to this and suggestions as to anything I might do as a person along this line.

I think of all of you so often and of the heavy load you are carrying admirably. Do not hesitate to call upon us for any service we may render.

Sincerely yours,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director

December 12, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

You may keep this for your very own.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encl. (Memo re: Intimidation and violence)

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1745 Sumter Street ~~[illegible]~~ Room 100
COLUMBIA, S. C.

December 9, 1957

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta Georgia

Dear John:

You have not heard from us relative to the proposed project of furnishing you with clippings relative to ~~cases~~ aspects of Civil Rights in South Carolina sooner, not because any lack of interest, but simply because we have misplaced for the time being your memo and have been in a strut in general!

We have been carefully clipping all materials and I feel sure we can get them off to you quite soon. Meanwhile, in order that we do this in line with your instructions, we hope that you may have an additional memo or even the office one which you can lend us for a day or two. We shall hope to get this from you soon and you may expect prompt action in return.

Hope all goes well with you.

Sincerely,
Alice N. Spearman
Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/er

Dear Fred:

Hope the enclosed is what you want. Would liked to have made it more concrete, but realized you would have a document longer than you might want to read. Please don't hesitate to ask for amplification or expalnation, where you want it.

We have not gotten the blanks for the finance report, and Mrs. Ruff has not been in the office since Wednesday. If the blanks aren't in the office by Monday, the 23rd , we'll send on the form we've made for our use.

You'll be glad to know that we have just about matched what you've given us and that we have $500.00 at interest in the Standard B & L Ass'n. which we hope to keep as a nest egg!

Thank you for all you have done to help us. And, a merry Christmas to all of you!

Sincerely yours,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman

Sunday, Decemcer the 22nd. '51

December 31, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Rm. 400
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

From your recent report we have noticed a reference to the Rev. John Ilyles whom you describe as being forced to leave his church and unable to find another. The thought occurs to us that we might possibly be of some help, if help is still needed and justified. What is your opinion of the matter?

Under any circumstances, we would like to have a record of this displacement for our "Displaced Persons" file. When the rush of the season is over, would it be possible for you to prepare for us a brief case history of this incident? Newspaper clippings, of course, would help.

All of us here send our very best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Encl: N.Y. Times Reprint

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1745 Sumter Street ~~XXXXXXXX~~ ~~1808 Lady Street~~ Room 100

COLUMBIA, S. C.

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Mrs. Ruth Alexander
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

A happy New Year to you! And, thank you so much for all you have done for each of us and for " the causes" in which we work together.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the quarterly report on finance of the SCCHR for Oct.-Dec. 1957, which summarizes the receipts and disbursements.

By way of summary, you will see that our receipts have exceeded our disbursements by $ 268.46. Since we had a bank balance of $ 47. 51 as of Sept. 30th, this leaves us at the end of this quarter a favorable balance of $ 315.97.

However, by the end of January, we must pay the U.S. Treasury Department a total of $389.30 for withholding taxes and for social security for the Oct.-Dec 1957 quarter. Therefore our actual balance is $73.33 in the red.

We have layed the ground work for our finance campaign, so that the next quarter should hopefully be our best, and easily take care of this deficit.

Further, during the Oct.-Dec quarter we paid a total of $190.20 for withholding taxes and social security for the July-Sept. 1957 quarter. So, you will see that we have actually exceeded our Oct.-Dec. 1957 expenses by $ 69.37. A mighty close margin, but gratifying nevertheless! Wish us well on the next pull!

My real enthusiasm for next quarter will be program focusing here in Columbia.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

P.S. Hope I've given all you wanted on the Quarterly Report. Please advise.
Ans

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1745 Sumter ~~1508 Lady Street~~ Room 100
COLUMBIA, S. C.

January 7, 1958

Mr. Fred B. Routh, Assistant Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., Room 432
Atlanta3, Georgia

Dear Fred:

We are in receipt of your kind letter of December 31st with its very welcomed enclosure. Thank you for both.

Your plan to assist us by an evaluative critique and also by a synopsis of the quarterly reports of the other state organizations is an excellent one. We shall look forward to receiving these helps.

I had a visit from an out-of-state contributor before I got to the Rs in my address book; otherwise my warm greetings and good wishes would not be belated ones! - for Xmas + the New Year.

We enter the New Year with a sense of challenge and faith that progress will surely be made. For your encouragement and other tangible and intangible support, we are indeed grateful.

Faithfully yours,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/er
Encl.

January 7, 1959

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We're sending you those copies of Dabbs' book, Southern Heritage, to distribute to the Governor, the state Attorney General, and the state superintendent of education. We are mailing from this office - at your request - copies to the two U. S. Senators from South Carolina.

As you know, we are under mandate from SRC's Board to send these to those five officials in each of the twelve Southern states.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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January 15, 1958

Mrs. Alice M. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Cheers and congratulations on the South Carolina's tax-exempt status! This is a major achievement and gives us all cause for rejoicing.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Courtney Siceloff

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1745 Sumter St. ~~1508 Lady Street~~ Room 100
COLUMBIA, S. C.
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Dear Fred:

Just one of these end-of-the-day quickies to send you the enclosed copy of the only material we ever submitted in applying for tax exemption. I have not proof read it as Mrs. Ruff has just completed it and I must hurry home to an ill mother (85years young!) Thought you'd rather see this promptly than to wait for me to make minor corrections tomorrow --- with a strong possibility that a heavy mail may "snow it under" in the a.m.

Thank you so much for the aid you gave us, by supplying us with the Ky. application materials.

Sincerely,

Alice S. Spearman

P.S. Please tell Paul Anthony that the Rev John Lyles (one of S' ministers who compiled So. Carolinians Speak) has accepted a call to a Presbyterian church in West Va.

I think the Marion Star (weekly or semi-weekly newspaper of Marion, S.C. where Lyles preached) did not report the request for his resignation but rather that it was kept relatively "quiet". If I learn any significant information to the contrary, I'll report same. Meanwhile aren't we glad he's gotten a new location. S.C. will miss him! Ans

Form 1023
U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
(Revised April 1953)

EXEMPTION APPLICATION

FOR USE OF RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE, SCIENTIFIC, LITERARY, OR EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

CLAIMING EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 101(6) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

(To be made only by a principal officer of the organization claiming the exemption)

January 28, 1957
(Date)

I, (Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman (Name of declarant), declare under the penalties of perjury that I am the Executive Director (Title of declarant—as president, secretary, etc.) of the Southe Carolina Council on Human Relations (Full name of organization), located at 1508 Lady Street (Complete address, including street and number—post office box, etc.), and that the following answers and statements, including all statements attached hereto, are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. Is the organization incorporated? no (Yes or no) If so, under the laws of what State? ..... (Name of State)

When? ..... (Date of incorporation) If not incorporated, state the manner of organization and the date thereof

.....

2. Is the organization the outgrowth or continuation of any form of predecessor? yes (Yes or no) If so, state the name of such predecessor, the period during which it was in existence and submit copies of all papers by which the transfer of assets, if any, was effected. S. C. Committee on Interracial Cooperation 1920-1945
S. C. Division of the Southern Regional Council 1945-1954

3. Has the organization filed Federal income tax returns? no (Yes or no) If so, state return form number and year or years. .....

4. State briefly the specific purposes for which the organization was formed. (Do not quote from, or make reference to, the articles of incorporation or bylaws for this purpose.) To study and report the results on the status of human relations among the people of South Carolina; to promote harmony, understanding and equality of opportunity among all the people of this State through education, joint discussion and research; to ~~discover and increase the knowledge of the scientific~~, sociological and psychological bases for better human relations.

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5. Is the organization authorized to issue capital stock? no (Yes or no) If so, state (1) the class or classes of such stock, (2) the number and par value of shares of each class outstanding, and (3) the consideration paid for outstanding shares

6. If capital stock is outstanding, state whether any dividends or interest has been or may be paid thereon no (Yes or no) If so, give facts in detail

7. If any distribution of corporate property of any character has ever been made to shareholders or members, attach hereto a separate statement containing full details thereof, including (1) amounts or value, (2) source of funds or property distributed, and (3) basis of and authority for distribution.

8. State all sources from which the organization's income is derived (1) Southern Regional Council, Inc. (2) Memberships (3) Contributions

9. Does any part of the receipts represent payment for services of any character rendered by the organization? yes (Yes or no) If so, explain in detail Explanation attached, see supplement #1 answer to question 9.

10. State all the activities in which the organization is presently engaged. (Explain in detail, each fund-raising activity and each business enterprise engaged in, accompanied by copies of all agreements, if any, with other parties for the conduct of that business. Attach additional sheets as required.—See footnote.) See supplement #2 answer to question 10.

11. What, if any, specific activities of the organization have been discontinued? (Explain fully, giving dates of commencement and termination and the reason for discontinuance.) none

12. Is the organization now, or has it ever been, engaged in carrying on propaganda, or otherwise either advocating or opposing pending or proposed legislation? no (Yes or no) If so, furnish a detailed explanation of such activities, and furnish copies of literature, if any, distributed by the organization. (Use additional sheets as required—See footnote.)

13. (*a*) For what purposes, other than in payment for services rendered or supplies furnished, are the organization's funds expended? Expenses of operation only

(*b*) If any payments are made to members or shareholders for services rendered the organization, attach a separate statement showing the amounts so paid and the character of the services rendered.
Supplement #3 answer to 13b

14. Does any part of the net income of the organization inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual? no

15. If the organization is a hospital, attach a separate statement showing the number of days of treatment of (1) full-pay patients, (2) part-pay patients, and (3) charity patients (admitted as such) during the last complete year of operation.

16. In the event of the dissolution of the organization, what disposition would be made of its property? As indicated in Article X of the By-Laws, " So much of the property as was secured with the aid of the Southern Regional Council, shall be at the disposition of the Southern Regional Council."

17. After July 1, 1950, did—
The creator of your organization, or
A contributor to your organization, or
A brother or sister (whole or half blood), spouse, ancestor, or lineal descendant of such creator or contributor, or
A corporation owned (50 percent or more of voting stock or 50 percent or more of value of all stock) directly or indirectly by such creator or contributor

(*a*) Borrow any part of your income or corpus? . . . . . no (Yes or no)

(*b*) Receive any compensation for personal services from you? . . . . . no (Yes or no)

(*c*) Have any part of your services made available to him? . . . . . no (Yes or no)

(*d*) Purchase any securities or other property from you? . . . . . no (Yes or no)

(*e*) Sell any securities or other property to you? . . . . . no (Yes or no)

(*f*) Have any part of your income or corpus diverted to him by any transaction? . . . . . no (Yes or no)

If answer to any question is "yes," attach detailed statement.

18. Attach to this application:

(1) A classified statement of receipts and expenditures during the last complete year of operation;

(2) A complete statement of assets and liabilities as of the end of the last complete year of operation;

(3) If incorporated, a copy of your articles of incorporation, or

If not incorporated, a copy of your constitution, articles of association, declaration of trust, or other document setting forth your aims and purposes;

(4) A copy of your bylaws or other similar code of regulations;

(5) A copy of each lease, if any, in which you are the lessee or lessor of property (real, personal, gas, oil, or mineral) or in which you own an interest under such lease, together with copies of all agreements with other parties for development of the property.

19. If exemption is claimed as an exclusively educational organization and a regular curriculum and faculty are not normally maintained and a regularly organized body of pupils or students is not normally in attendance at the place where the educational activities are regularly carried on, there should be attached specimen copies of any books, pamphlets, leaflets, or other printed matter issued or distributed during the latest complete year of operations.

(Signature of officer making declaration)

(If the space provided for the insertion of information or data under any of the above questions is inadequate for the purposes, additional sheets may be used which should be properly identified and securely attached hereto.)

IMPORTANT

A mere claim or contention by an organization that it is exempt from income tax under section 101 of the Internal Revenue Code and the corresponding provisions of prior revenue acts will not relieve the organization from filing income tax returns and paying the tax. Unless the Commissioner has determined that an organization is exempt, it must prepare and file a complete income tax return for each taxable year of its existence. Accordingly, every organization that claims to be exempt should furnish the information and data specified herein, together with any other facts deemed material to the question, with the least possible delay, in order that the Commissioner can determine whether or not it is exempt. As soon as practicable after the information and data are received, the organization will be advised of the Commissioner's determination, and, the annual returns which will be required.

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Supplement #1
Answer to question 9

Out of each membership fee paid the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, $2.00 is paid to Southern Regional Council for a subscription to New South, which is published monthly. Student rates on New South for six months were originally $.50 and later advanced to $1.00. Occasionally subscriptions to New South have veen placed in the name of a donor and/or some person whose education, in matters covered by New South, was believed to be important. Purchase of additional copies of a single issue have been made for mailing to a list prepared because of known or believed interest in the contents of the particular issue being distributed.

Also, since October 1956 receipts have covered the services of the office secretary. It is by her that the bookkeeping correspondence, occasional letter to all members, duplication (when needed) and dissemination of educational materials is done.

Supplement #2
Answer to question 10

(1) Provide a program service in human relations matters for members-at-large of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, for local councils on human relations and for any individual or group requesting same.

(2) Collect for distribution, loan and/or study newspaper clippings, magazine articles, pamphlets and books in line with purpose of organization as stated in #7 above.

(3) Extend lines of communication on an inter-racial, inter-faith, and interdenominational basis by assisting with the organization of local human relations councils and with such intercultural contacts as maybe encouraged through other agencies and organizations at the community and/or state level.

(4) Hold educational meetings
   a. Twice annually at the State level
   b. One state-wide leadership training workshop
   c. One district program planning workshop

(5) Try to create awareness of problems as they arise; e.g., threats to academic freedom, growing trend toward violence and lack of respect for law and order, etc.

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Send notices of board meetings to Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell, SRC, Atlanta.
Add Mr. Fred B. Routh and staff

* Chairman of local group, will serve on board for duration of chairmanship.

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9-21-56

Supplement #3
answer 13b

NON-STAFF MILEAGE FOR OCT. 1955-SEPT. 1956

NAME	POSITION	PURPOSE	DATE	AMOUNT
J. E. Blanton	Board Member	Special public relations service	6-13-55	$ 4.30
Dr. Carl Pritchett	Board of Directors	Fisk University-Race Relations Institute	6-25-55	60.00
Dr. Carl Pritchett	Board of Directors	Program Committee Meeting	8-1-55	68.00
Miss Rebecca Reid	Board of Directors	Work as chairman of Personnel Committee	8-12-55	14.03
Mr. A. R. Suritz	Board of Directors	Executive Committee Meeting	9-21-55	7.50
J. M. Dabbs	Board of Directors	Finance Committee	9-28-55	4.00
A. R. Suritz	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	6-22-55	7.50
J. M. Dabbs	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	10-5-55	5.75
Miss Rebecca Reid	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	9-21-55& 10-5-55	2.31
J. M. Dabbs	Board of Directors	Finance Committee Meeting	11-2-55	5.75
Rev. Carl R. Pritchett	Board of Directors	Statewide Educational Meeting	11-11-55	25.00
Miss Mary E. Frayser	Board of Directors	Board meeting	10-5-55	4.78
Father Maurice V. Shean	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	11-25-55	10.00
Miss Rebecca Reid	Board of Directors	Executive Committee Meeting	12-7-55	2.31
J. M. Dabbs	Board of Directors	Travel to Charleston	11-30-55	10.00
Mrs. Robert J. Wykes	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	1-15-56	10.50
Mrs. Morris S. Young	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	1-15-56	12.00

MILEAGE CONTINUED

NAME	POSITION	PURPOSE	DATE	AMOUNT
J. M. Dabbs	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	1-15-56	$ 5.75
Miss Rebecca Reid	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	1-15-56	2.31
Dr. ". W. Jones	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	1-15-56	11.50
John H. Harris	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	1-15-56	12.50
Rev. Maurice V. Shean	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	4-25-56	7.20
Mrs. Morris S. Young	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	4-25-56	11.60
Miss Rebecca Reid	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	4-25-56	1.15
J. M. Dabbs	Board of Directors	Board Meeting Finance Committee Meeting	4-25-56/ 3-56	5.50 8.10
Dr. George F. K. Nayler	Furman University Professor	State-wide educational meeting speaker	5-23-56	10.00
A. R. Suritz	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	6-24-56	7.50
John H, Harris	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	6-24-56	11.50
Mrs. Morris S. Young	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	6-24-56	11.60
Dr. E. A. E. Huggins	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	6-24-56	10.90
J. M. Dabbs	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	6-24-56	5.75
Earle Kirby	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	6-24-56	4.00
			TOTAL	$ 332.45

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Supplement #4
Answer to question 18 (1)

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

South Carolina Council on Human Relations-Columbia, South Carolina

For The Year Ended October 1, 1955-September 30, 1956

RECEIPTS		
Southern Regional Council	$ 250.00	
Memberships	1,173.78	
(Inclusive of subscriptions to New South see Supplement #1, answer to question 9)	2,274.00	
Sale of literature*	2.05	
(Refund by Southern Bell Telephone Company for deposit after one year with interest	51.20	$3,751.03
DISBURSEMENTS		
Rent @ $60.00 per month	$ 720.00	
Postage	222.76	
Telephone & Telegraph	161.63	
Office supplies	173.65	
Printing	282.19	
Books, newspapers & magazines	127.83	
Travel (staff and non-staff)**	1,340.49	
Subscription to New South	628.50	$3,657.05
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1956		$ 93.98

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**See Supplement #3, answer to question 13 (b).

January 21, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Many thanks for your letter and the materials posting us on Governor Timmerman's speech, the Allen University controversy, and the suit against the state university. It is very helpful to us to be this fully informed so promptly. Please call us collect if developments occur which you think we should know about at once.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1745 Sumter St. xxxxxxxxxx Room 100

COLUMBIA, S. C.

1-16-58

Mr. Harold Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Harold:

Under separate cover, I am sending a mimeographed copy of Governor Timmerman's address made before the S.C. General Assembly yesterday. Won't you give us the benefit of your reaction to his discussion of the Allen situation? I am impressed with his refenences to Allen's files on the three professors in question. Members of the Allen Board have made repeated references to the Governor's file on the un-American activities of the three. Recently, there has been much talk of the Governor's files containing discrediting reports made by the local FBI--- others have said SLED (the state law enforcement division) are the "busy bodies" doing the Governor's bidding.

Ironically, if the Governor expected to strengthen political fences with the Communist threat hysteria, perhaps the action of the eleven Allen U. students in seeking application blanks from the admissions office at the U. of S.C. have or will cause his actions to boomerang. In any case, there is much interest and some tension as a result of yesterdays unprecedented actions. We will send you clippings frequently and 'phone you if there are any startling or sensational developments which you should learn of early.

We are fortunate in having Ken Kurtz, a friend of the Council as news director of WIS. He is on the job in the best traditions of the news reporter and we can expect objective and comprehensive coverage of developments as they occur. Doubtless you have already heard taped reports by him which are being carried on some of the national hook-ups.

Thank you for you kind letter re our having received notice of our tax exempt status.

Cordially yours,

Alice N. Spearman

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Executive Director

afro 1-18-58

Ultimatum of governor rejected as anger rises

S. C. COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 SUMTER STREET · COLUMBIA, S. C.

By JOHN H. McCRAY

COLUMBIA, S.C. — In a tumultous three hours meeting, the executive and board of control of Allen University rejected a South Carolina State Board of Education mandate, Friday, and declined to dismiss three professors, two of them white.

The professors, Drs. John G. Rideout, Edwin Hoffman, both white, and Forest O. Wiggins, attended the packed small room in Faith Hall, used as a meeting place for trustees.

It was the second meeting of the executives in which the retention of the men was the prevailing business, the first having been held last Aug. 6.

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TEMPERS BLAZED and voices blared often. At one point, a trustee, Squire Morgan of Orangeburg, not a member of the Board of Control, engaged in a heated dispute with presiding officer and board chairman, Bishop I. H. Bonner.

Another hot incident dedeveloped when Bishop Bonner tried, without success, to get Dr. Robert W. Mance to yield the floor.

Dr. Mance, a trustee and executive board member, is financial secretary of the AME Church which operates Allen. He maintains offices in Washington, D.C.

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THE EXECUTIVES, openly defiant against the state's demand, found possible action stymied, as the meeting progressed. They had expected that both Bishop Bonner and Dr. Frank R. Veal would recommend immediate dismissal of the professors.

Dr. Veal, however, told the session that he could not, and did not, recommend dismissal of the men at the moment.

Following the meeting, Dr. Veal told the AFRO, exclusively:

"It is my position that the office of president at Allen must be recognized. It is he who decides and recommends to trustees who is to remain and who is to go on the Allen faculty."

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DR. VEAL SAID further:

"The entire AME Church would not have stood for my recommending dismissal of the gentlemen today."

He said that members of the

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Students applaud

COLUMBIA, S.C. — On Friday night some 400 Allen University students staged a demonstration in front of the home of Dr. Frank Veal, university president, in approbation of the stand he took on the matter of dismissing the three faculty members.

Dr. Robert T. Mance, secretary of the AME church who disburses the funds, and several friends of his who were visiting Dr. Veal, were visibly moved at the demonstration.

—Ultimatum

(Continued from Page 1)

senior class had come to him during a 10 minute recess of the meeting and urged that he stick to his position of not firing the professors at that time.

Dr. Veal had, in his brief remarks to the executives, pointed out that:

"Allen University hasn't been respected as an educational institution," in the manner of disapproval by the State Board of Education and, that "professional procedures" had not been adhered to by the state board in making its demands.

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DR. VEAL also said that tenture regulations did not permit the summary dismissal of the men as was being urged by the State Board of Education, backed by Gov. George Bell Timmerman Jr.

Bishop Bonner, who arrived 35 minutes late for the 11 a.m. session, had given a detailed report earlier in the meeting.

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he had recommended a meeting but said he hadn't stated he would recommend immediate dismissal of the men.

THE AFRO was told from a high administrative source following the meeting that the professors "won't be around when May 31 comes and may not be around for the next semester."

This source said that "we would rather close Allen than have it thought that the state would dictate to us as to whom we shall hire or admit to our classes."

Dean A. D. Greene said that he had never, since the three men had been on the faculty, recommended any one of them for more than a probationary status at the end of each year.

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THIS POINT was reported by Bishop Bonner in his speech. However, making out the case for executives, The Rev. B. J. Glover, pastor of historic Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, told the AFRO:

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1. **The three professors remained at the college.**
2. **Would not be restored until they were dismissed.**
3. **The 1958 graduating class would never be certified to teach within the state.**

He said that, during a conference with the trio last Dec. 19 he had asked them to resign voluntarily and receive full pay for the remainder of the term "for the good of Allen University."

The men had refused. One of them, he said, Dr. Rideout, had replied he'd been advised by three board members not to resign.

"I am one of the three," Dr. Mance interrupted. Bishop Bonner replied: "I'm just reporting; I'm not engaging in name calling or personalities."

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DR. MANCE retorted: "I just want it known that I was one of the three."

Bishop Bonner related that the men, or sympathizers, had circulated innumerable letters, placed items on the college's bulletin boards and distributed mimeographed items in dormitories.

Later, following Dr. Veal's statement, a controversy developed between the bishop and president.

Bishop Bonner said he had called the meeting as board chairman at the request of the president, who, he said, was to recommend the immediate dismissal of the professors.

Since the president "has backed down," he said, "I am ready to adjourn the meeting. I don't hire or fire. That's the president's job, but I want all of you to know that anytime I'm asked to call a board meeting I'll do it."

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S. C. COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
845 ASSEMBLY STREET COLUMBIA, S. C.

Please return to

N.. LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Meeting at Shorter College here last Monday, the 12th AME District Council unanimously adopted a resolution calling on Allen University of Columbia, S.C., to defy Gov. George B. Timmerman's request to fire three of its faculty members.

More than 500 persons attended the meeting which was presided over by Bishop O. L. Sherman, head of the district which embraces Arkansas and Oklahoma.

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THE COUNCIL directed that its sentiments be expressed in telegrams which were sent to all bishops of the church and to Dr. Frank Veal, president of the AME institution. The telegram condemned the governor's action and called on all of the AME powers to resist and "forestall such action."

Speaker after speaker termed the South Carolina chief executive's action as "repulsive to the great tradition of (founder) Richard Allen and the whole history of the church." In addition, the governor's request was described as a threat to the independence of the church and "the welfare and freedom of all private colleges. . . ."

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THE MEETING was called shortly after details of the Allen University situation were reported in the press.

"We call upon all the powers of the AME Church to take immediate steps to forestall such action," the resolution stated, noting that if the governor is allowed to get away with his plan that "other southern governors will follow his example. . . ."

S. C. COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Governor As He Spoke To Joint Session Of Legislature

Gov. George Bell Timmerman Jr. (standing) is shown as he addressed the South Carolina Legislature yesterday on the matter of segregation. Seated at his left is Lt. Gov. Ernest F. Hollings and at his right House Speaker Sol Blatt. (AP Wirephoto.)

1745 SUMTER STREET • COLUMBIA, S. C.

Governor Outlines Allen Controversy

News + Courier 1-16-58

COLUMBIA, Jan. 15 (AP) — A controversy surrounding three professors at Allen University, private Negro school in Columbia, was outlined before a joint session of the legislature today by South Carolina Gov. Timmerman.

Timmerman told in his "State of the State" address how the state board of education had withdrawn approval of Allen for teacher training last September.

The move was made, it was reported at the time, because of the presence of three professors on the faculty. The names of two of them appear in the files of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The teachers, John K. Rideout, Edwin Hoffman and Forest Wiggins, were not mentioned by name in the Governor's address. Rideout and Hoffman are white. Wiggens and Rideout are mentioned in the House Un-American Activities Committee files.

Timmerman read lengthy quotes on the background and activities of the three which he said came from a file in the possession of Allen University officials.

He said Allen officials noted that they had been when they first arrived in Columbia "quiet and inactive locally, though they maintained old" associations.

"Recently, however, especially since last fall, most of them have begun . . .projects and campaigns through classroom lectures, forum participation and in distributing literature, and in writings," the governor said reading from an excerpt from the record at Allen.

The three have been told their contracts will not be renewed after May 31. The Board of Trustees met recently at Allen to consider further their fate, but took no action.

Timmerman touched on the problem small colleges have in finding faculty members with doctorates and said the Southern Assn. of Colleges and Schools "might do well to re-evaluate" its requirements in the matter. All three in the controversy have doctorates.

At present, colleges accredited by the association must have instructors with doctorates or the equivalent to head a department.

Timmerman also mentioned the American Assn. of University Professors and its role in the Allen squabble.

The Association had sought information from the governor about the dispute, but met with rebuke.

Timmerman said the organization "claims to be an accrediting agency, but has more of the appearance of a political pressure front."

He said the AAUP "spends most of its time trying to discredit responsible colleges and universities when they discharge undesirable faculty members."

Robert Carr, executive director of the AAUP, replied, "garbled nonsense." He said "the governor demeans his high office when he stoops to the gutter level to make charges such as these. The AAUP is not, has not and does not intend to be an accrediting agency."

Timmerman, in the section of his address on Allen, suggested that consideration be given to "more realistic requirements for admission to teach in state supported institutions" and called for "more effective procedures . . . for investigating applicants before they are employed."

He said, "when academic freedom supersedes loyalty to one's country, loyalty to one's state, and to our trust in God, it becomes an instrumentality of treason that profanes the faith of our nation."

S. C. GOVERNOR APPEARS BEFORE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Gov. George Bell Timmerman Jr. (Left) And Lt. Gov. Ernest F. Hollings
(AP Wirephoto.)

S. C. COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 SUMTER STREET • COLUMBIA, S. C.

Timmerman Seeks Communism Probe

1-16-58

News + Courier

By ROBERT MCHUGH

COLUMBIA, Jan. 15 (AP) — Gov. Timmerman called today for a permanent committee to investigate communism in South Carolina and drew immediate support from the chairman of a committee willing to consider legislation to establish it.

The governor said in his "state of the state" message to the General Assembly such a committee should have powers to subpoena and take testimony.

"If any person should refuse without good reason to appear and testify, that in itself would provide the public with needed information. The mere existence of such a committee could have a good effect," he said.

Sen. L. Marion Gressette, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, expressed approval of the move and said the committee would give the proposal serious study.

ALLEN SITUATION

The governor also aired before a joint assembly of the Legislature a controversy over three professors at Allen University, a private Negro school in Columbia.

He told the Legislature the names of two of them appear in the House Un-American Activities Committee files.

The annual message carried also the anticipated recommendation against new taxes "unless an absolute necessity can be shown."

The governor also called for boosting the state's reserve fund limit from three million to six million and suggested applying the seventh cent per gallon of gasoline tax to the expenses of the judiciary and the attorney general's office if it is not used for highway purposes.

Much of the services of these branches of government relates to highways and motorists, the governor argued.

The House Ways and Means Committee has suggested channeling this portion of the gasoline tax into the general fund.

Commenting on proposals to revise the corporate tax structure to attract industry, the governor doubted that "new industry can be lured with offers of future tax changes."

He outlined the state's industrial growth, pointing to the record of 347 million dollars in expansion and development in two and one half fiscal years during his administration.

He also mentioned a total of 147 million in the preceding administration and 328 million in the one preceding that.

CRITICS ANSWERED

Critics of the administration's attitude toward attracting industry were told their charges of "unsound county property valuations" were untrue. The governor also denied other allegations which he said have been made.

He recommended re-examination of drivers for licensing "in the interests of reducing the appalling toll" of traffic deaths and called for improving safety responsibility laws "to protect vehicle owners against irresponsible operators."

In the field of segregation, the governor asked for legislation preventing state agencies from entering into agreement with the federal government which contain what he termed "mixing clauses based on race, color, creed or religion."

BROAD WORD

The governor recalled that Clemson College had returned to the federal government a quarter of a million dollars granted for nuclear studies because of a clause prohibiting discrimination for "race, color, creed or religion."

Timmerman said the word "creed, being unqualified, is broad enough to embrace the communist creed."

He cited "the illegal invasion of Little Rock" and recommended that South Carolina "join other states that have taken action and enact a law closing any school whenever and for so long as any federal force or group. . .attempts to police its operation."

He called for reducing the school bus-bonded indebtedness in anticipation of the future need to replace one thousand buses in operation since 1951.

EXTRA JUDGES

The establishing of two roving judgeships was urged along with pay hikes and increased retirement benefits for judges. Backing was also given a proposal to pay per diem expense money to members of the legislature who now earn only $1,000 per session plus mileage.

The attention of the legislature was called to a study that would lead to a state-wide police teletype system and there was a call for separating the state civil defense agency from the adjutant general's office.

Physical improvements approved by the budget and control board at the reform schools for white girls, Negro girls and Negro boys were given gubernatorial backing.

Timmerman also asked the legislature to consider the needs of the State Hospital, Whitten Village and the Pineland Training school.

CONFIDENTIAL

January 30, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for your recent letters and material. I am returning herewith those items that you wanted back.

Our Executive Committee met yesterday and discussed the problems which the South Carolina Council is confronting. At the end of this rather full consideration, in which Mr. Dabbs described the situation, the Executive Committee agreed on the following policy; if the South Carolina Council finds it necessary to scale down its operation to one professional and one clerical person, aid from the Southern Regional Council for the remaining two quarters of this fiscal year will be reduced from the rate of $5,000 per annum to $4,000 per annum.

As you know, $4,000 is the amount of annual aid being given to most of the state groups, on the basis of an operation involving one professional and one clerical staff person. The larger amount was allocated to South Carolina in consideration of its efforts to continue employing two professionals.

Therefore, the Executive Committee felt that it would not be equitable to continue the larger amount of aid to South Carolina if its structure became the same as that of other state groups receiving $4,000. Of course, if the South Carolina Council finds a way to continue bi-racial professional staffing - not through consultants but through regularly employed persons - the present arrangement may continue undisturbed.

I do want to make it clear that this action in no way implied any criticism of adverse judgment of the South Carolina Council by the Executive Committee. The members present were fully cognizant of the difficulty of maintaining two professional staff members with the funds available. The action was taken only in consideration of fair and equitable treatment of all state groups receiving aid from SRC.

We will await word from you on final action taken at your forthcoming policy meeting and will be guided accordingly.

You have our best wishes for a satisfactory resolution of these problems.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

cc: Mr. Courtney Siceloff

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1745 Sumter St. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Room 100

COLUMBIA, S. C.

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CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Harold Fleming:

Just to clarify more fully a few of the questions you asked I am sending the information given below and enclosed.

When I interviewed Mrs. Ruff in August, I bent over backwards explaining to her how uncertain we were as to how much money we'd be able to raise and therefore the necessity of her being willing to be flexible about when and how much work we'd be able to give her. Since she had not had regular work the previous year, she was , or seemed to be, willing to make whatever adjustments our program and/or budget might necessitate. I was aware of the necessity of a smoothly functioning office and felt somewhat reluctant to use the term assistant director when I knew that of necessity there would be times when her work would have to be largely clerical. However, for a person entirely unacquainted with the program and persons who participate in it, I felt that during such times, she would also be picking up information necessary to doing effective field work.

You will see from the enclosed letter which we got out to most people before Christmas, but have also gotten out to a few since then, how her services have been defined to our members and friends.

To answer your question as to how Mrs. Ruff feels, I shall quote from her application dated 8/21/57. If she has talked with you on the 'phone as she said she was leaving the office to do this afternoon, you can judge for yourself how consistent her letter and present statements are. I quote," "It is understood that the job responsibilities would also include bookkeeping, filing, and office correspondence." I had told her this was fundamental and as she mastered it and we succeeded in cutting office work to the bone, we'd use her in the field.

Also, I sent her a copy of the minutes of the 8-15-57 executive comm. mtg. (a copy of which dountless went to you at the time, and our file copy of which I enclose.) To quote from a letter by Mrs. Ruff to me dated Sept. 6, 1957 which shows that I had sent her a copy of the minutes too, so there would be no misunderstanding, "Thank you sincerely for the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting."

You willremember my having submitted to you the budgets which are attached to the enclosed minutes. $2,400 was what we budgeted for an assistant director in charge of clerical services.

The executive committee elected to employ Mrs. Ruff as an assistant director in charge of clerical services, frankly in order to try to make more happy all those who appreciated that psychological value. Also, they said they were unwilling to underwrite a $13,000 budget for submission to SRC lest failing to raise it we appear to have sailed under false colors. However, they agreed to back me up in an effort to raise $8,000 instead of $ 5,000 and to begin Mrs. Ruff at $3,600 for full time work, with the understanding that she was on probation. For although her application indicated that she had operated an office machine in the War Dept. and been an office worker at Saxon Homes(a public housing project), our report on the clerical test which she took at the local employment office indicated that she was not currently proficient. I explained this both to the executive comm. and to Mrs. Ruff. This was the basis of making her employment probationary.

Because of my eagerness to have a Negro co-worker of semi-professional status whose viewpoint and insights I consider most important, I was willing to assist Mrs. Ruff in adjusting to her clerical shortcomings. This I have done as generously and faithfully as I have known how-- no martyr--- but its pretty disillusioning to have ones 12,15, and 16hr. days to help her personally and to help the cause, so little appreciated and now misinterpreted.

After helping her reconcile bank statements, and check book and balance her day book etc. I was totally unprepared for the failure to deposit a small sum, errors in recording both in the day book and on our card files, also the omissions in getting monthly cumulative amounts and small errors which necessitated my working every day but Christmas Day, having to go over every item ,including receipts etc. from Oct. 1st, in order to get a correct quarterly report! On the basis of this, I explained to her that we could no longer afford to pay her a professional salary for unprofessional services..... this was at the end of the first quarter. Further, our hope that by using her full time she could get in a sufficient amount of field work to help raise enough money to keep her on full time has not been realized because she was not sufficiently competent to get the clerical work done with even moderate speed. Upon the advice of Hawley Lynn and Walker Soloman , we employed our old sec'y. for a period of 2-3 weeks to help her get up-to-date and to keep our work up-to-date. We allowed Mrs. Ruff to stay on fulltime during that time too in order to allow her every chance to improve and speed up her office work. Courtney Siceloff wrote suggesting that we add secretarial help at the time we did, with the understanding that we might have to cut later, until results of our financial efforts were more fruitful.

As I told you, this is a great disappointment to me, because I have apprecaited Mrs. Ruff's strong points and coveted them for the SCCHR. I was totally unprepared for her present reaction. Except for the cause her behavior has been in my opinion enough to disqualify her for our type work. However, if others disagree with me, I am willing to make all allowances for the hostilities, insecurities and irregular behavior which I see as results of our very backward and unjust society.

However, I could not possibly ask our members and friends to contribute to a $ 300 a month salary for Mrs. Ruff in her present role, because in my honest opinion her work does not justify it. We do not have the money to pay her and employ an office person also. She hasn't committed herself as to her interest in part-time field work, when we recover from the load of the first quarter.

I am sending copies of this letter to Courtney and Mr. Dabbs. Will follow your good advice.

Appreciatively, ANs

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter St. Room 100
COLUMBIA, S. C.
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Dear Harold Fleming:

About a week prior to this last reopening of the Allen University controversy, which occurred on December 20th when Bishop Bonner called the 3 professors into his office to request their resignations, we were advised by Walker Soloman that a series of articles have recently appeared identifying Communistic activities of Mrs. Modjeska Simkins. Doubtless you have known of Mrs. Simkins through George Mitchell and others. She is a former member of our Board and longtime secretary of the S.C. NAACP . At the state convention of the NAACP held in Rock Hill during this past fall, she was not reelected. Complaints have come to us of her use of her former connection with NAACP for throwing weight behind the 3 accused professors. Mr. Hinton told Mrs. H.H. Hickman, our most faithful volunteer worker, that the national office of NAACP has urged him during the last 7 years to relieve Mrs. Simking of her office as secretary, but he hasn't done so because of her efficiency and her wide influence. One of the Allen professors had drawn Mrs. Simkins into our small embryonic group here in Columbia, and also another of the accused professors. Frankly, one of our least vital interests would be witch hunting, but in a situation where so many people are asking who is who and where most people fail to question what they read, we must walk gently, may even find it necessary to stop walking, or even to back track. Only the best advise we can secure and time will help us to know what is best to do. I could go into much greater detail if there were time, and you would like to hear more. However, for the moment, I hope this will give you an idea of a problem which has emerged for us and with which we must cope. Unfortunately this will slow down some of our hoped-to-accomplish more constructive activities. Perhaps in the long run it will save time, as already further light is being thrown upon certain splits in the Negro community which have complicated our work.

Just this morning in a long conference with Mr. Soloman, we said that there are few if any Negroes with liberal leanings--- most of them are either radical, or reactionary. You will readily understand this; our unyielding static white culture has largely created the situation. Believe you me, it isn't easy to work in. Our liberal whites are literally "scared to death" (with exceptions of course) that they may be found working with a communist. As some have said, they may not be known to be communists now, but suppose they are spotted later, what effect will this have upon us?

All this as a background for a question which is the prime purpose for this letter.

More background first, and from a slightly different point of view-

As you know our office has been struggling to combine in one person, Mrs. Ruff, an office secretary and a field worker. Her potentialities for the field work are greater than for secretarial work. Unfortunately, in a period of transition and always for that matter, there is a great deal of clerical work necessary to an efficient operation. Because of Mrs. R's inability to carry the clerical work efficiently and speedily, both of us have been confined to the office more than we had hoped. Also, Mrs. Hickman has given yeoman's service. I discussed this problem at length with Courtney and Mr. Dabbs en route Philadelphia in late October. Since that time, I feel we have given it an honest try. Of course, the Negroes want a field worker. However, not to have one in Columbia right now might give us a little more time to get this communist scare business worked out too. Mrs. Ruff realizes that she cannot perform the clerical work fast enough and efficiently enough to be released for much field work. Also, she has been told by me that we can not pay her professional rates for her work. She feels that she cannot be away from her children on a reduced salary--- one more nearly in line with her productivity. So, I believe this is also psychologically a good time to make the change. At least Mr. Soloman has given this much help with making a change; he has put me in touch with two"top flight" secretaries, whom I have interviewed today. One is former secretary to Pres. Bacoats of Benedict college, and the other is former secretary to Pres Higgins of Allen. Our question now is whether SRC will go along with such a change. Be assured that as soon as we can afford it we shall use more professional Negro assistance. We are very fortunate to have fine professional help from Mr. Soloman, Mrs. Marion Paul(assistant state home demonstration secretary) President Bacoats and others. Paid professional Negro assistance would be in addition to the Negro secretary, of course. Another possibility would be that a more efficient Negro secretary who is also teachable might be given in-service training and become increasingly helpful in a broader service.

Before making our final decisions, we'd like your response and especially your answer as to whether such a change as suggested would be out of keeping with our mutual agreements.

I hope that you have had a chance to study our finance report for the last quarter and to read the covering letter to Mrs. Alexander. We are encouraged but hope to do better as time goes by.

Thanks a million for all your good services-----

Sincerely,

Alice S. Spearman

Attention: Harold Fleming

Please give us the benefit of your judgement in this matter.

ANS

Ltr returned to Mrs. Spearman at her request.

February 4, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I can see no harm whatever in the South Carolina Council sending copies of South Carolinians Speak to members of Congress. As you point out in your letter to John Morris, the tax-exempt prohibition applies to action clearly intended to support or oppose specific legislation or candidates. As I recall SCS, it does neither.

Certainly there is nothing necessarily political about sending material to Congressmen - so long as it is informational and non-political in nature.

I think it is quite a compliment that the S. C. Council has been asked to take it on.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mr. Courtney Siceloff

March 5, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Since John Hope was here when your letter arrived, I passed it on to him for early answer. The Consultant Service Program is pinched for funds right now, but we want to help if we can.

You should be hearing from John Hope shortly.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: John Hope, II

Dear Harold:

Please let me have a reply to my last letter to you at your very earliest convenience. I do not want to offer a service to concerned citizens in line with what I wrote you, unless I know that such a service can be made available and approximately when. Your thinking on the questions I raised is sorely needed. Many thanks.

Suppose activities in the S.C. General Assembly and at the Democratic conventions will continue to keep things somewhat upset. More of this later.

Sincerely,

ALICE N. SPEARMAN

February 7, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1457 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I have read with much interest the copy of your letter to Mr. Ross of the National Council of Churches, and I know you would want to have the enclosed excerpt from Ralph Lord Roy's book APOSTLES OF DISCORD. No doubt Mr. Ross will supply you with even more detailed information, but I think you will find Roy's summary instructive.

Apostles of Discord is a thoroughly responsible and careful assessment of disruptive elements in religious institutions. The book has the endorsement of such liberal churchmen as Reinhold Niebuhr and Bishop Oxnam.

As you will see, Roy's characterization of The Protestant is far from favorable. But it should be kept in mind that Dr. Bacoats alleged involvement with The Protestant took place in 1941, when the true sympathies of the magazine were not so widely known and when it still commanded the sympathy of a number of unquestionably patriotic and reputable religious leaders.

Roy mentions some of these, and I am sure it would be instructive to see a full list of the people with whom Dr. Bacoats was associated in issuing the "call"

for "Protestantism Answers Hate Dinner Forum." I should be surprised if he was not in the company of a good many distinguished churchmen.

This sounds to me very much like the smears based on earlier associations with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. The use of a one-time association many years ago with an organization that has since been branded as un-American is poor evidence of disloyal sympathies on the part of a man whose whole character and career may testify to his integrity.

Call on us for any further information and assistance we can give you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Excerpt from Apostles of Discord)

Kenneth Leslie and The Protestant
(Subtopic taken from Chpt. 11 of APOSTLES OF DISCORD, pp. 254-59., by Ralph Lord Roy)

The Protestant (formerly the Protestant Digest) was published in New York City until 1951, when it was moved to Nova Scotia, by its Canadian Baptist editor, Kenneth Leslie. In its first issue -- December 1938 -- it carried a strong hint as to its future policy. Leslie asked: "Is it not possible for both Christians and Communists, instead of condemning each other in their mutual weakness, to contribute the best they each have and work together for the common good?" By the height of World War II, The Protestant claimed a hundred thousand readers and boasted that it represented more than six thousand Protestant clergymen.

Within a few months after its debut, The Protestant adopted a bitter anti-Catholic attitude, rooted in part in its abhorrence of fascist Spain. Even during the war, however, when American Catholics and Protestants were united in fighting the common fascist foe, Leslie spoke jeeringly of "the Hitler-Vatican shenanigans," denounced Fulton J. Sheen as a "dangerous . . . subtle Fascist," and held that the Papacy was interested in "a Fascist world hegemony." The National Conference of Christians and Jews was controlled by "Catholic clericalism," Leslie complained. "Behind the Inter-Faith cloak flashes the stiletto aimed at the heart of our free democracy.

In contrast to Leslie's unreasoning anti-Catholicism, The Protestant posed as a special friend of the Jews. Frequently Protestant Associates, Inc.--the official publishers of the magazine--inserted large advertisements in metropolitan newspapers to protest against anti-Semitism. Leslie organized two committees for this purpose: the Textbook Commission to Eliminate Anti-Semitic Statements in American Textbooks, and the National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism. Both attracted large numbers of supporters.

These groups were immediately repudiated by the leading Jewish agencies in the United States. The American Jewish Committee quickly advised its followers

> ...to give no financial support to these affiliated organizations. Backed by no official Protestant organization, The Protestant further belies its name by circulating largely among Jews and by seeking a major part of its financial support from Jewish organizations and individuals. This, we believe, is inherently wrong, the more so when a careful study of the files of The Protestant reveals that the periodical tends to arouse animosity and distrust among people of different creeds.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith expressed a similar opinion:

> We look with disfavor on any controversy between Protestant, Catholic, and other religious publications or groups. Indeed, we are interested in any move to counteract prejudice or defamation of Protestant, Catholic or Jew, Negro or White. Therefore, we do not favor The Protestant or its Textbook Commission or approve any sectarian publication which does create such controversy.

When Jewish groups showed reluctance to recognize Leslie's concern, he vigorously denounced them as "deceivers of the public," "begrayers of Jewish interests," "promoters of fascism." Outbursts of anti-Zionism during recent months in the Soviet Union have led to parallel anti-Zionism in The Protestant. In early 1953 Leslie wrote:

> US Zionism, involving world Zionism, is offering itself and its cause as a sacrifice to the appetites of anti-Soviet money imperialism.... The sad truth is that it is American Zionist leadership (along with its hired Christian attendants) which has sold itself to the service of the Napalm Knights of the new world aggression.

He accused pro-Western Jews of failing to understand "that an anti-Semite is always a red baiter and a red baiter is always an anti-Semite."

Originally, The Protestant had been able to gain widespread backing from reputable clergymen. Among the "advisors" of its editorial board who came to realize that they had been co-operating unwittingly with a tool of the Kremlin policy were such active non-communist Protestant figures as Dwight J. Bradley, Charles S. Braden, L. M. Birkhead, Frederick May Eliot, John A. Mackay, James Moffatt, Louie D. Newton, G. Bromley Oxnam, Wilhelm Pauck, Edwin McNeill Poteat, W. Stanley Rycroft, Douglas V. Steere, Paul Tillich, Channing H. Tobias, and many more. Of those who remained on The Protestant's advisory board, the majority still involve themselves in innumerable front activities. These include the Rev. Reginald H. Bass of Central Community Church, Brooklyn, co-chairman of New York Peace Institute; the Rev. Joseph F. Fletcher, professor at the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Cambridge, Massachusetts; the Rev. J. Spencer Kennard, Jr., author and former faculty member of West China Union University; the Rev. Donald Lothrop, minister of Community Church, Boston; the Rev. E. D. McGowan

of the Epworth Methodist Church of the Bronx; the Rev. Dryden L. Phelps, former Baptist missionary to West China; and the Rev. Claude C. Williams, director of People's Institute of Applied Religion. Phelps and Williams will be discussed later in this chapter.

The Protestant also receives the moral support of Hewlett Johnson, Britain's "Red Dean," and of Bishop Albert Bereczky of Hungary.

Leslie himself has had a novel and varied career. One source reports that he has taught, lectured, farmed an apple orchard, bought and sold stock, led a dance orchestra, studied acting, written poetry, operated a buttermilk restaurant in Los Angeles, sung Hebredian songs over the radio, written and published popular songs under the firm name of Leslie and Fitzgerald. For a short period he was on the staff of the First Baptist Church of Montclair, New Jersey. Former associates say that at one time he was strongly interested in Catholicism, studying its ritual and teachings and even carrying a St. Theresa religious medal.

Many of the original sponsors of The Protestant withdrew their support soon after the magazine began. Later, in 1946, the entire executive force of the magazine resigned, led by Pierre Van Paassen, contributing editor. The issue was not ideological; the rebels charged: "Mr. Leslie's adamant stand that The Protestant is not an organizational movement but his privately owned enterprise under his control" had resulted in the "tragic collapse" of the magazine. Joseph Brainin, associate editor and spokesman for the group, said the withdrawal was not related to Leslie's political views.

Immediately after Henry Wallace announced his availability for the presidency in January 1948, The Protestant came to his support. In a telegram to Wallace signed by the six ministers of the board of publishers, and by the chairmen of the most important Ministerial Action Committees in Chicago, Hartford, Philadelphia, and New York, its sponsors declared: "The Protestant urges the people of America to support the peoples' party of Wallace not merely as a political party but as a profound spiritual revolt against the business and church cartels which led us to war and want. The Protestant recognizes in your Third Party the renewed spirit of our revolutionary forefathers and the true promise of world peace."

Chairmen of the Ministerial Action Committees sponsoring the telegram were Wilfred Wakefield and William T. Baird of Chicago, Chester E. Hodgson of New York, George F. Conner of Philadelphia and Edward L. Peet of Hartford. Only the first two of these five clergymen today remain among The Protestant's advisors.

The final split came in 1950 when Leslie devoted an entire issue to Korea, referring to America as the "aggressor" and Korea as the "oppressed." "No braver and decenter people exist than the Americans," he wrote. "But they are being involved by their Bankers, Bishops, and Brass in a COWARDLY AND INDECENT ADVENTURE." The whole conflict, Leslie claimed, was a "Dulles baby," the work "of the Wall Street evangelist John Foster Dulles." Leslie charged that the American government had forced the United Nations Security Council "to make an honest woman out of the U. S. and to 'legalize' her illegal intervention."

A direct result of the special Korean issue of The Protestant was the resignation of several more editorial advisors. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Harlem clergyman and member of Congress, and John Hammond, wealthy patron of swing music, demanded that the publisher immediately remove their names from the masthead. Others followed, including Lee H. Ball, Methodist minister of New Paltz, New York, and treasurer of the Methodist Federation for Social Action. Congressman Powell telegraphed Leslie: "I thought the Protestant had stopped publication. Just saw article on Korea. Emphatically disagree. Remove my name immediately." He told the New York World Telegram and Sun that he started to "clear out of all left-wing organizations" in 1949 -- in protest against Paul Robeson's assertion in Paris that Negroes would not support the United States in a war with the Soviet Union.

When the central committee of the World Council of Churches, meeting in Toronto in July 1950, approved United Nations action in Korea, Leslie sharply dissented: "Western leaders of the new ecumenical Christianity .... accept with realistic fortitude the fact that innocent must die that the Kingdom of Profit must stay." He carried his case further against the World Council: "The whole artillery of the World Council is thrown against the peace movements of the hundreds of millions of ordinary people everywhere encircling the entire world and threatening the profits of the merchants of death."

The Protestant continues to follow the same rigid line. Its editor recently praised party-line religious figures in contrast with conservative World Council leaders. "We can see no common ground," he said, "between a Hromadka [Czech] and a Leiper, a Bereczky [Hungarian] and a Van Dusen, an Endicott [Canadian pro-communist] and a Visser t'Hooft." Leslie wrote: "We do not believe in the good faith of the World Council of Churches." He charged it with deliberately cultivating "animosity" against the Soviety Union and the other Socialist countries. "How can the Hungarians (and we shall let them symbolize all Eastern churches) sit down and hold communion with a group of men who serve not the God of peace but the God of war?!"

Fifteen years after its birth The Protestant had shrunk from a 64-page monthly journal to a thin, irregular multigraphed bulletin. Its influence has deteriorated rapidly as its party line has become more and more evident.

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S. C. COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Rev. Roy G. Ross
General Secretary
National Council of Churches
297 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ross:

As you know the Governor of South Carolina is a fanatic pro-segregationist. In recent months he has attempted to dictate to Allen University relative to its faculty and has influenced the State Board of Education to with hold certification to teach in South Carolina from Allen graduates.

In his annual message to the S.C. General Assembly, Governor Timmerman quoted heavily from files, presumably of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, concerning three professors, two of whom are white and the third Negro, for whose jobs he has been "gunning". Shortly thereafter he delivered another address to the Assembly in which he charged members of the Benedict College faculty with Communist activities. He added remarks about the president of Benedict which I am enclosing. (I presume that you knew that both Allen and Benedict are Negro institutions.)

Having known Dr. Bacoats for many years, I feel sure that he isn't a Communist or a fellow traveller. However, I would like to know the facts about the Protestant Digest, also known as the Protestant. I shall make an effort to get any information you can supply me to men working in the news media, who may be able to use it to help Dr. Bacoats, if and when the going gets rough. Please send as full and as explicit information as you may have or be able to secure.

Appreciatively,

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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Governor Again Asks Inquiry

Expands Charges Of Communism

By ROBERT PFARR

Gov. George Bell Timmerman Jr., in a special message, today informed the General Assembly of "information" that Benedict College in Columbia "has several Communist workers, and wives of Communist workers," on its faculty.

The governor's information, as given the Assembly, also linked Dr. J. A. Bacoats, president of the Negro College, with a 1941 meeting in New York which, Mr. Timmerman's message said, was sponsored by a publication charged with having "faithfully propagated the Communist Party line . . ."

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Timmerman, after reminding the lawmakers that he has asked for a Communist probe committee for the state, said:

"I also again recommend that consideration be given to the establishment of more realistic requirements for admission to teach in state supported institutions and of more effective procedures for investigating applicants before they are employed."

Since his annual message, he said, in which he asked for the probe, "three known Communist workers" have been reemployed as faculty members at Allen University.

"Through the cooperation of the presidents of both Allen University and Benedict College," he continued, "students in the teacher training programs of both institutions will be brought under the influence of Communist workers and wives of Communist workers on its faculty. The presence of these Communist workers is known to the presidents of both institutions. The president of Benedict has indicated complete indifference, claiming they are protected fully by 'academic freedom.'

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Students from both Benedict and Allen recently applied, or tried to apply, to the all white University of South Carolina.

The Allen application effort came after teacher certification recognition was withdrawn from Allen graduates by the State

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Board of Education at the urging of the governor.

The applying students said if the state wouldn't recognize their Allen degrees, then they would seek entrance at a college — the state university—whose education degrees are accepted.

The applications and efforts to apply apparently have come to naught, as Negroes were denied blanks, and blanks submitted were refused. Several of the students indicated they would seek court aid.

A state law requires closing of the university the moment a court orders a Negro admitted.

Bacoats had "no comment" on the governor's report to the Legislature.

Gov. Timmerman's Message To the General Assembly

The text of Gov. Timmerman's special message to the General Assembly today:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

In my recent annual message, I pointed out a serious condition at Allen University relating to communist activities and influences.

Since then, three known communist workers have been reemployed as faculty members.

Through the cooperation of the Presidents of both Allen University and Benedict College, students in the teacher training programs of both institutions will be brought under the influence of communist workers under a so-called "exchange" program.

There also is information that Benedict College has several communist workers and wives of communist workers on its faculty. The presence of these communist workers is known to the Presidents of both institutions. The President of Benedict has indicated complete indifference, claiming that they are protected fully by "academic freedom."

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The Abraham Lincoln School has been cited as an adjunct of the Communist Party. The school is a "Communist educational medium" to indoctrine "Communists and outsiders in the theory and practice of communism, train organizers and operatives, recruit new party members and sympathizers."

"1949-50—Attended CP meetings in Boston, Mass., also 1950 Boston May Day Rally, CP program.

"1952—Close associate of . . . top Mass. CP leader. Participated in Kansas City Peace Movement of CP.

"1953—Entertained CP leader . . . in home at Kansas City.

"This subject considered more dangerous CP worker than her husband . . ., and has more than 20 years of CP history . . . Objected to the House Un-American Activities Act and Committee.

On mailing list of 'The Peoples China.' Wrote . . . (in Red China) he wanted more information about success of Communists in order that this might be passed among his students. . . .

"1953—Sponsor, American Peace Crusade (CP front movement."

(The American Peace Crusade has been cited as an organization, which "the Communists established" as "a new instrument for their 'peace offensive'" and also "As part of Soviet psychological warfare against the United States" and as a Communist front which seeks "to paralyze America's will to resist Communist aggression by idealizing Russia's aims and methods, discrediting the United States, spreading defeatism and demoralization."

"1954—Was in contact with . . . Civil Rights Congress.

"1955—Admitted . . . memberships in the following: Civil Rights Congress, Committee for Democracy in the Far East, National Council for American-Soviet Friendship, at the same time admitting he knew all of these were on the Attorney General's subversive list."

"Subject considered very experienced in CP affairs.

This subject lives with his wife, also a teacher at the negro college, less than two blocks from the State Capitol. Many of his activities are listed in the files of the House UnAmerican Activities Committee.

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The Abraham Lincoln School has been cited as an adjunct of the Communist Party. The school is a "Communist educational medium" to indoctrine "Communists and outsiders in the theory and practice of communism, train organizers and operatives, recruit new party members and sympathizers."

"1949-50—Attended CP meetings in Boston, Mass., also 1950 Boston May Day Rally, CP program.

"1952—Close associate of . . . top Mass. CP leader. Participated in Kansas City Peace Movement of CP.

"1953—Entertained CP leader . . . in home at Kansas City.

"This subject considered more dangerous CP worker than her husband . . ., and has more than 20 years of CP history . . . Keeps in contact with . . . Chairman of the Mo. CP."

This subject is listed also in the files of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Information concerning another faculty member at Benedict College follows:

"1955—Discharged dishonorably by U. S. Navy as Security Risk.

"1956—Told CP leader he had been CP member 49-51. Refused to tell investigating committee whether or not had been, or is, CP member (Fifth Amendment."

"Subject told . . . that position at Benedict was aided by Dr. Davis" (Dr. Horace Bancroft Davis who left Benedict faculty when his communist connections were revealed.)

It is believed that this subject is still a punk but given time may develop.

Information concerning a third faculty member at Benedict College follows:

"1936—American Consulate, Toklo, Japan, cancelled his return to Japan because of Communist activities and sentiments, traced back to 1926.

"1949—Spoke in behalf of 12 Communists convicted of treason. Declared Chinese Communists only ones who could help China. Wrote letter . . . in behalf of 11 convicted Reds.

"1948—Cleveland, O., Declared Chinese Communists 'most fervent friends of peace.'

"1949—On mailing list of Daily Worker.

"1950—Sent flowers to Chinese Communist delegation and visited 'non-repentant' Communists in jail, in Greece.

"1951—Speaker at Civil Rights Congress (cited as subversive and Communist) in N. Y. C. Commended and cited by Daily Worker for CP efforts.

"1952—On mailing list of 'The American Communist' (The American Peace Crusade has been cited as an organization, which "the Communists established" as "a new instrument for their 'peace offensive'" and also "As part of Soviet psychological warfare against the United States" and as a Communist front which seeks "to paralyze America's will to resist Communist aggression by idealizing Russia's aims and methods, discrediting the United States, spreading defeatism and demoralization."

"1954—Was in contact with . . . Civil Rights Congress.

"1955—Admitted . . . memberships in the following: Civil Rights Congress, Committee for Democracy in the Far East, National Council for American-Soviet Friendship, at the same time admitting he knew all of these were on

Bacoats, now President of Benedict College, while President of Leland College, Baker, La., sponsored the "call" for Protestantism Answers Hate dinner-forum" held in New York, February 25, 1941; under the auspices of the Protestant Digest, also known as the Protestant. The Protestant has been cited as a Communist "religious front" and the Protestant Digest as a "magazine which has faithfully propagated the Communist Party line under the guise of being a religious journal."

In calling this information to your attention, I again urge the establishment of a permanent legislative committee to investigate communist activities in our State with power to subponea and take testimony under oath and under penalties of perjury.

I also again recommend that consideration be given to the establishment of more realistic requirements for admission to teach in State supported institutions, and of more effective procedures for investigating applicants before they are employed.

March 10, 1958

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am sending this along at the request of Marion Wright. How are things going?

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.
(Newspaper clipping from The Wall Street Journal - thru - for copy)

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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

March 17, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Have received your card requesting the temporary return of your first quarterly report. It is enclosed herewith.

THIS IS OUR ONLY COPY. WE NEED IT BACK FOR OUR FILES.

We could have reproduced the report on our Thermofax machine had it been done in black ink, but unfortunately the Thermofax will not pick up blue ink.

I trust this will help you tie the second quarterly report into the first report properly. Please return this report with all deliberate speed - but not as interpreted by the State of South Carolina.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Fred

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.
FBR:fcl

Many thanks!
Alice

3-21-58

Dear Fred,
Remember fully being promised by someone that he would return our quarterly report--- unfortunately we faile to make a note of who the bowworer was; so------

PLEASE ASK YOUR SECRETARY TO PUT THE SCCHR OCT- DEC 1957 QUARTERLY REPORT IN THE MAIL TO ME WITHOUT FAIL ON MONDAY.

I'll return it promptly, but feel it will be invaluable to have it to help tie the two reports together properly.

Sorry to be a nuisance--- but, many thanks!

Alice N. Spearman
1745 Sumter St., Rm 100
Columbia, S.C.

March 24, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

1. Dan Dodson is an excellent guy, a good speaker and very knowledgable about the South. He is a Texan who speaks with a Southern accent and would be top draw for any use the South Carolina Council might have for him.

2. Thanks for returning the first quarterly report so promptly.

3. What is the situation regarding biracial staffing of the South Carolina Council?

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

March 19, 1958

Mr. Fred B. Routh
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Fred:

In the February Report of the Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee in Cincinnati, we have seen several references to Dr. Dan W. Dodson, who is the Director of the School of Human Relations Studies, New York University, is he not? I am wondering what you think of Dr. Dodson's abilities and particularly, competencies. Has he been used in the south, and if not do you think he could be effectively used? I shall appreciate having your reaction to this question.

Appreciatively,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS:mw

answered

March 25, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

This is in response to your letter of March 24th to Harold. He and I have discussed the situation in South Carolina as we understand it and, based upon instructions from our last Executive Committee meeting, we have decided that the South Carolina Council's allotment for the next quarter should be the same as other states similarly staffed. The original allotment, which was larger than that granted to other states, was based upon interracial professional staffing. Since that situation will not exist during the coming quarter the reason for the extra amount is gone.

Other states, similarly staffed to the South Carolina Council at the present time, were allotted $4,000 for the year, or $1,000 per quarter. This will now apply to South Carolina. I am sure you know that this in no way reflects upon the South Carolina Council, its Board, its Director, or our confidence in them. It is dictated by a sense of equitable treatment for all state groups.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1745 Sumter St. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Room 100

COLUMBIA, S. C.

March 24, 1958

Mr. Harold Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Attention: Fred Routh

Dear Harold:

There are at least two matters on which I want to report to you by letter, rather than in the quarterly report, because we have been in correspondence concerning them and they seem more properly handled in this way. The entire correspondence should be available to Fred, even though at the time I wrote you, I believe it was marked "confidential".

(1) The executive committee decided that our primary need for skilled clerical assistance should be met, and faced the fact that with our limited funds it would be difficult to secure a "combination person". However, the one person whom we hoped might be available for part time field work was not. Miss Jenny Young about whom I wrote you and whom I interviewed at Harbison Junior College was not available due to plans of the Presbyterian Church USA to close the school at the end of the present session. She is being offered splendid positions by her denomination, out of South Carolina. However, she would like to be considered for a position with us in the future, should our financial situation be such as to make it possible for us to make a definite offer of full time work.

We have employed Miss Mildred Weathers, who was graduated in business education from Allen University last year. She shows the results of good training and is making progress is handling the clerical work. Fortunately, Miss Weathers had fine educational, religious and civic contacts and experiences during her high school and college days. Already she is thinking and acting creatively on the larger aspects of the work and we hope and believe that she will increasingly be an asset to the entire program. There is great need for providing good leadership for the college and university students of South Carolina. At present, communication has virtually broken down. There is a lot of lethargy on the one hand, and disillusionment on the other. On the positive side, however, the Governor's attacks seem to have roused Negro students and also the total Negro community as few things have.

(2) The other matter; our strategy committee advised that we act slowly in the matter of the local group here. Only one meeting has been held since the Allen situation became active again, which it did early this year. I wrote you about Mrs. Simkins, connections between her and the professors under fire at Allen and the general confusion and distrust of the Allen situation. This is further complicated by internal power clashes, weak administration and other problems. Thus, it has been difficult to rally support for the rights of the professors to "due process", for withstanding the encroachment of the state on the rights of a church related school, for academic freedom, etc.

Prior to the January 10 meeting of the Allen board, when SCCHR attempted to play a constructive role of fact finding, learning the responses of thoughtful citizens and creating an awareness of the issues involved, many of us believed that our telephones were tapped.

Leading the political fight against passage of the bills to provide for a legislative investigating committee has been Thomas Williams, who was acting chairman of the Columbia group on human relations. Working with him behind scenes have been Mrs. Simkins and the Allen professors. While they have done a creditable job and one which has needed doing, they have not gotten the support which is needed. Lacking responsible sources for evaluating the Allen situation, most people refuse to act under leadership in which confidence is not fully established.

Fortunately, since many legislators want to get home to build political fences, the S.C. General Assembly may adjourn without taking final action on the bill under discussion. If it does pass, we shall surely want your advice and good services. Marion Wright visited us recently and indicated that he would take up residence here and help in every possible way, should his help be needed. (He didn't say so, but maybe we should treat this confidentially.)

Please do not hesitate to ask questions about any matters I may not have covered as fully as you'd like.

John Hope 'phoned me on March 13 , and I have just received a letter from him this morning elaborating further on the matter of a possible workshop with the consultants. I hope developments here may make possible a positive rather than a defensive approach.

Best wishes for the continued progress of your fine program. We shall share your report as widely as we can. It is excellent.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman

P.S.
A.L. Geisenheimer, retired professor of economics at the U of SC is planning to get the Southern Association of Economics (Professors) to focus its next annual program on the relation of the Negro to the total economy. More later.

April 3, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Enclosed is a copy of the pamphlet to which Dr. Bacoats evidently was referring. He is mistaken, however, about the reputability of the sources. The Georgia Commission on Education, which published this and has circulated other propaganda pieces, does not enjoy a favorable reputation even among conservative Georgians. Mr. Matthews has long since been generally discredited for his extreme charges and is not taken seriously by sober anti-Communists.

Of course, given the climate and the leadership of the deep South, organizations like ours can be injured by official use of such charges, however unfounded. The only technique I can suggest is that you arm yourself with as much background, information, and rebuttal of this spurious evidence as possible. As you know, we have really been doing this for some time. I think you may

already have received a copy of our memorandum rebutting the charges aired in the Firing Line. But I enclose a copy in case.

We will always be glad to send you promptly any information we can muster about any particular set of charges against the Council, other honest organizations, and individuals who are known to us.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

March 26, 1958

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Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold Fleming:

Dr. J. A. Bacoats whom you will remember was attacked by Governor Timmerman in an address before the South Carolina General Assembly recently, visited our office this morning. He tells me that an office has been set up in Atlanta for some respected research person who has come out with a pamphlet in which he cites evidence of communist activity and/or fellow traveling on the part of Dr. Benjamin Mays, Pres of Paine College in Augusta Dr. A. J. Clement and other prominent Negro educators in Georgia. He stated further that he believes that the pamphlet also carries documented material concerning the Southern Regional Council.

I spent considerable time yesterday morning with the Rev. Archie Ellis, pastor of the First Baptist Church here in Columbia. He is a member of the Benedict Board of Trustees. They fully expect the State Board of Education at its April meeting to take action against Benedict graduates, denying them teacher certification, as has already been done for Allen graduates. It was heartening to see the resistance which men who up to this time have been lukewarm are now developing; encouraging!

Later yesterday, I attended the State Convention of the South Carolina Democratic party. Governor George Bell Timmerman was the keynoter. I am enclosing a copy of his address, which I believe you will find of interest.

If you can secure for me a copy of the pamphlet referred to above, I shall greatly appreciate it. Dr. Bacoats feels that Negro school presidents in this state are next in line. Also, we are trying to learn as much as we can. You will see in the Governor's address that he would have only taken one or two steps to have called public attention to our organization.

Any advice that you may have for us, we shall appreciate having ~~it~~ from you.

Let me say that morale and determination are growing stronger, not only among many Negroes but also among persons such the Rev. Ellis, etc.. So, don't get the idea that we are unduly fearful.

We think that John Hope's idea of holding a workshop when it is more obvious to what extremes officialdom will go, is a good one.

I was glad to hear from Fred Routh today, in reply to the letter which you shared with him. We have appreciated ~~it~~ your generosity to South Carolina on Human Relations, but feel entirely comfortable over the plans for the next quarter.

Faithfully yours,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS:mw

Enclosure

April 16, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We hear ominous things about the tenure of Joseph Margolis at the University of South Carolina. We know nothing about Mr. Margolis except for his article which appeared in the AAUP Bulletin which we reprinted in New South. He readily gave us his consent to reprint the article when we wrote him about it several months ago, and we have heard nothing from him since. Do you know anything about any reprisals against him and just how difficult his situation may be at the University?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 22, 1958

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Sometime ago you mentioned working on SRC's request that cases of violence, intimidation, and reprisal be documented. Miss Margaret Price is now in our office and is going through clippings of this type. We would be interested in seeing any clippings you have collected in these categories. If nothing else, you could just mail the clippings to us and we can just check them and mail hem back.

There are two cases in which we are rather anxious to get additional material on. One concerns a bus case in Charleston, South Carolina in January of this year. A thermo-fax copy of a Journal and Guide article is enclosed, and we would like you to search your files to see if you can locate a clipping from a South Carolina daily concerning the incident and the disposition of the case.

The other case concerns three young Negro girls accused of stoning a school bus near Columbia in 1956. A thermo-fax account is also included.

If you can clarify either of these situations, we would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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F.B. Please Return
W.F.

April 23, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Many thanks for the clippings and for your letter about Joseph Margolis. If you do find out anything further about Margolis's situation, I would appreciate you letting us know. Our main concern is what might be done, if anything, to assist him. For example, if he could use any help in seeking another job, I know that the ADL would be glad to use their network of contacts to help him find something suitable.

I am returning the clipping on Dr. S. C. Mitchell, not because I wouldn't be glad to sent it on to George, but because I know he would welcome a note from you and this provides the occasion. His address is Glencoe, Argyll, Scotland, and air mail postage is .15 per half ounce.

I am going to be away all of next week, but I am passing on the word of your annual meeting to Fred and others here. I am rather doubtful that we can be represented on such

short notice. But if not, you have our warm good wishes for a highly successful session. I know that Marion Wright will perform surperbly as he always does.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (News clipping on Dr. S. C. Mitchell)

Dear Harold,
Just came across this in our files. We had intended that it go to George. Sorry that I still do not have his address. If you are writing him soon, please enclose this clipping. Otherwise, return clipping when you've writing me, and send me George's address so that I can forward to him. I'd like to have his address in any case.

ALICE

4-22-58

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1745 Sumter Street ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Room 100

COLUMBIA, S. C.

April 18, 1958

Mr. Harold Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

W.D. Workman and Tom Waring tried to give Joseph Margolis a heavy going over when his article first appeared. Last Sunday Workman had published in the News and Courier and in the Greenville News, the two S.C. Papers for which he writes feature articles, another article slapping at Margolis and SRC, I have been told. We will have copies of the article on Monday and I'll mail one to you.

Dr. Howard Quint, a professor of History and one of our members says that he is reliably informed that Governor Timmerman sent for the acting president at the U. of S.C. and directed him to fire Margolis. There are indications that Margolis work has been satisfactory at the University, such as a special offer of a fellowship, etc. However, since the Timmerman conference with acting president, Dr. Sumwalt, the head of the psychology and philosophy department has called Margolis into his office and showed him a letter in which he expressed the opinion to Dr. Sumwalt that Margolis not be rehired for the coming academic year, 1958-1959. Dr. Kershaw Walsh, the department head, based his recommendation upon inter-departmental conflict in which he involved Margolis. Dr. Quint says that some of this happened before Christmas and that Margolis has not been officially notified that he won't be rehired. There is a shortage of available professors for his field, Dr. Quint says.

I am to talk with Dr. Margolis over the weekend and if there is anything more definite, I'll let you hear. He is completing only his second year at the University and therefore does not have tenure.

We are holding our annual meeting at the Laurel street USO here in Columbia on Tuesday, April 29th from 10:30 - 4 o'clock. Marion Wright will be the speaker. A symposium of community development specialists and practicioners will be featured at the afternoon session. Always happy to have any of you with us but there won't be anything of a critical nature to come up. We still hope to use the consultants later.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman

1745 Sumter Street --------- Room 100

May 1, 1958

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John Hope:

Courtney Siceloff, Marion Wright and I have just had a long talk about developments here and our related needs. They suggested that I write you to see if as Southern Regional Council director of the program of consultant service you felt it would be possible for you to bring together a group of consultants whose competencies might include training and experience, as follows:

1. Someone in the field of communication or public relations; e.g. C. A. McKnight.

2. Legal counsel, such as Morris Abrams and/or perhaps a local attorney, who might be used later also to advise individuals and organizations called before the committee which has been established by the South Carolina General Assembly to investigate communism and communist activity in South Carolina.

3. Some person closely connected with persons recently called before similar investigating committees; such as the Rev. William K. Williams, executive director of the Florida Council on Human Relations.

4. Someone whose knowledge includes a wide range of information on causes for and effects of such committees as are being set up in some of the Southern States. Also such a person might have a seasoned philosophy and be able to predict with a degree of accuracy what committee response to expect from given responses by those being questioned or attacked. Art Levin of the southeastern office of B'nai B'rith was mentioned as such a possible person.

Mr. Wright, Courtney and I agreed that we shall need to be prepared and that it isn't too soon to begin. I am sure I told you in our telephone conversation that the South Carolina General Assembly which closed April 24 had provided for a committee of six persons, three to be appointed by the House and three by the Senate. Members have not yet

been named - More of this later.

If you can set up such a workshop, please suggest specific dates and we will get to work as rapidly as possible here.

Sincerely,

Mildred Weathers for A. N. S.

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/mw

cc Harold Fleming
Courtney Siceloff

Encls. Statement to Trustees of Wesley Memorial Bldg. - Prepared by SRC (December 9, 1957)
Statement from North Ga. Conf. Trustees re: SRC's presence in Wesley Memorial Building
Firing Line Analysis - prepared by SRC - 7/8/57

May 6, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Harold, who is away from the office has asked me to send you the material requested in your letter of May 1.

Enclosed is a copy of the statement prepared by SRC for the Trustees of the Wesley Memorial Building and the statement later released by the Trustees. You will note this action was with the Trustees, not the Bishop.

Also enclosed is a copy of our answer to the attack on SRC by the Firing Line. I believe you have seen this, but thought another copy might be helpful. This we don't need returned.

When you have finished with the other material, would you please return it to us.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

FBR to see attached

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1745 Sumter Street ~~1608 Lady Street~~ Room 100

COLUMBIA, S. C.

May 1, 1958

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold Fleming:

The enclosed copy of a letter to John Hope will be self-explanatory.

Mr. Wright suggested that I ask you to lend me copies of your materials prepared for showing reasons why Southern Regional Council stay at 63 Auburn Avenue, and the Bishop's response. He said these would be confidential materials - Naturally, we will study and return promptly.

Appreciatively,

Alice N. Spearman m.w.

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/mw

Enclosure

May 9, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human
Relations
1745 Sumter Street Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

In reply to your letter of May 1st, I wish to advise that I have been in contact with Harold and Fred in the Atlanta office of SRC. Your proposal is under serious consideration and you should receive a reply directly from the Atlanta office in the near future.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John Hope II
Chief Consultant

JH:rmd

cc: Harold Fleming

May 12, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

This is to acknowledge your letter of May 1 to John Hope and similar suggestions which Marion Wright has relayed to us.

I believe that you have by now received all of the principal materials we have drawn together in rebuttal to the charges made against SRC from time to time. Since these fraudulent charges have been essentially the same over the years, I don't believe we need anticipate any basically new type of attack.

As to the proposed types of consultation, we are willing to work out whatever we can. At the moment, however, I am proposing to the Rights of Conscience Program Committee of the AFSC that they use some of their remaining funds to underwrite a systematic job of research and consultation in this field by a competent lawyer of their choice. It seems to us that such a temporary project person might synthesize the experiences thus far in Louisiana, Virginia, and Florida, study all the pertinent state laws, and counsel

with all of our respective groups on their particular situations. I should have an answer from AFSC fairly soon and will be in touch with you again at that time. Meanwhile, kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street ~~1506 Lady Street~~ Room 100
COLUMBIA, S. C.

May 15, 1958

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold Fleming:

Under separate cover, we are returning today the two pieces of material about which Mr. Wright had told us. In your absence from the office John Constable kindly sent them to us.

We have your letter in which you outline steps you have taken to secure cooperative effort for state organizations through the American Friends Service Committee. This makes quite good sense to me! We shall await word from you as to the outcome. Meanwhile, if you have further suggestions for us we shall be glad to have them.

Cordially yours,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/mw

Rec'd 5/19/58

1745 Sumter Street -------- Room 100

May 17, 1958

Mr. Hallock Hoffman
Fund For The Republic
Sixty East-42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

At the request of Mr. Harold Fleming of Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Georgia, I have enclosed twenty-five (25) copies of the book South Carolinians Speak.

Yours truly,

Mildred Weathers

(Miss) Mildred Weathers
Secretary
South Carolina Council on Human Relations

MW

cc Harold Fleming

May 20, 1958

Miss Mildred Weathers
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Miss Weathers:

Enclosed is our check for $4.68, made payable to you, for postage of the South Carolinians Speak shipment. Also enclosed is a check for $12.50, made payable to the SCHR, for the 25 copies of the booklet.

Mr. Fleming, who is ill and away from the office, has asked that I express our most sincere appreciation for the prompt and efficient way in which this matter was handled.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 2 (Check No. 1934 - $4.68; Check No. 1935 - $12.50)

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street ~~1508 Lady Street~~ Room 100
COLUMBIA, S. C.

May 19, 1958

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

By now you should have received a copy of the letter which I wrote to Mr. Hoffman. I was very happy indeed to be able to perform such a task during Mrs. Spearman's absence from the office. However, since I am not authorized to sign checks issued by the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, I took the liberty of using my personal funds to send the books. I am enclosing the receipt from the post office for four dollars and sixty-eight cents ($4.68), which was the cost for sending them via air mail.

At fifty cents per copy, the books came to a total of twelve dollars and fifty cents.($12.50). This check should be made payable to the South Carolina Council on Human Relations.

If there is any way in which we in this office may be of service, please call upon us.

Yours sincerely,

Mildred Weathers

(Miss) Mildred Weathers
Secretary

MW

Enclosure Post Office receipt

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May 21, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I appreciate you bringing us up-to-date on Dr. Margolis's situation. Fred has had a letter from the AAUP indicating that they are making an investigation, though they are not optimistic about establishing any evidence of reprisal against Dr. Margolis. If anything further about this matter comes to your attention, we will be grateful to you for sharing it with us.

Miss Weathers has probably told you about my call last week and the action she took at my request. This was promptly and admirably handled, and I want you and her to know that we appreciate it. It looks as though the Fund for the Republic will make it possible for SRC to buy up the remaining copies of South Carolinians Speak and arrange for their distribution. If this works out, I will be consulting you about any further distribution needs in South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street Room 100
COLUMBIA, S. C.

May 8, 1958

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold Fleming:

I had a conference with Dr. Margolis on yesterday and he informed me that he had had no word from the University indicating that he is to be dismissed. However, he said that the head of his department showed him a letter addressed by the department head to the president of the University in which he recommended that he not be re-elected. The department head based his recommendation entirely upon inter-departmental frictions. Dr. Margolis said that these have been at a minimum and could in no way be the basis for the recommendation.

Fortunately, for Dr. Margolis he has been offered a teaching position at Northwestern for the summer and at the University of California for the first semester next year. He has asked the University for a leave of absence for these two sessions, but has had no reply. He believes that he will have a strong case should the University act on the basis of the department head's recommendation. He states that he believes the AAUP will investigate and censor the University should action be taken against him. He feels that it can be definitely established that his article in the AAUP Journal is the real basis for contemplated action. He does not know of any way that W. D. Workman could have made the statement which he did in his recent article, a copy of which we sent you.

I told Dr. Margolis of your interest in his situation. He has asked that I express his personal appreciation to you for your interest.

There are wild rumors circulating in South Carolina suggesting that Governor Timmerman may be appointed the next president of the University of South Carolina. Since Donald Russell's resignation last November, the head of the School of Engineering has been serving as acting president. While this seems very far fetch to me - That is the possibility of Timmerman's becoming president of the University of South Carolina, nevertheless even the thought of such a possibility is

devastating!

I hope this gives you the information you want. Call on me if there are other angles about which you would like to know.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS-mw

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1745 Sumter Street ~~1508 Lady Street~~ Room 100

COLUMBIA, S. C.

May 22, 1958

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold Fleming:

We have been inching along here in South Carolina in spite of many odds. You will know that while we have done a little better this year than in previous years in securing financial support, there is no indication that we shall be able to raise enough money within South Carolina to continue operation at our present level another year, unless support is forthcoming through the Southern Regional Council, at about the same level as this year.

In view of the many demands which are being made upon Negroes, and because of the more dramatic and immediate nature of these demands, I feel "chicken" about pressing for further support of the Council. Response to our requests makes one feel both humble and gratified. You will appreciate this situation, I feel sure.

In recent correspondence with Courtney Siceloff about this matter, he has suggested that we raise questions with you as to what we may hopefully expect through Southern Regional Council for the next fiscal year beginning October 1, 1958. It is not too early we feel for us to begin to make plans realistically in the light of what the situation will be. We shall appreciate hearing from you as fully as possible.

We are deeply appreciative of the fine work you are doing and of your continuing assistance to the South Carolina Council on Human Relations.

Faithfully yours,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/mw

P. S. Thought you might be interested in the enclosed article.
ANS/mw

May 23, 1958

Mrs. Alice H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 22, which arrived just as I was preparing the enclosed memorandum on aid to the state groups.

As you will see, we are not yet in position to make a firm commitment beyond 1958, but at least we are able to extend the present arrangement definitely through the last quarter of this year. I hope this will be of some small comfort.

It is a great pity that this badly needed work has to be carried on in an atmosphere of financial uncertainty. But you and Courtney and I are veterans enough by now to accept this unhappy reality with a certain amount of resignation.

All good wishes to you and the South Carolina Council.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Memo on State Aid)

cc: Mr. Courtney Siceloff

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street ~~1508 Lady Street~~ Room 100
COLUMBIA, S. C.

May 31, 1958

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Attention: John Constable

Dear Harold Fleming:

Dr. Alexander L. Geisenheimer, 1204 Broad Street, Camden, South Carolina retired last year from the Economics Department at the University of South Carolina. We have held several conferences discussing what might be done to get before people in South Carolina the importance of raising the Negroe's standard of living for the total economy of the State. He had promised to write to the Southern Economic Association to suggest that as many facets of this matter as possible be discussed at their annual meeting which will be held at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel, in Atlanta, Friday and Saturday, November 21 and 22, 1958.

Dr. Geisenheimer has just sent me a copy of the proposed program which indicates that seminar c to be held at 2:30 p.m. on the 21st will deal with the Negro and Southern Economic Development. I thought that you and also John Constable might be interested in this information in case it has not already been called to your attention. The three persons to give papers are John Hope on "Dynamic Factors in the Economics of Race", Eli Ginzberg on "Toward Better Utilization of the South's Negro Resources", and Donald Dewey of Duke University on "Occupational and Residential Alternatives for the Southern Negro."

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/mw

Air Mail

June 24, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Could you please try to obtain SRC a copy of the final county-by-county figures on registration in South Carolina, with the racial breakdown? We have the earlier newspaper clipping, but it lists only a portion of the counties and we urgently need the additional figures which I understand have been released.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street ~~1508 Lady Street~~ Room 100
COLUMBIA, S. C.

July 2, 1958

Mr. Emory Via
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Via:

I should like very much to have a copy of the letter written you by Mrs. St. Julien Childs of 73 King Street, Charleston, South Carolina, relative to the questions you raised with me over the telephone about employment practices at the Navy Yard and at the Customs House.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Childs felt that the difficulties in securing information would be insurmountable. I urged that she get the suggestions of Miss Kathyrn Lewis the supervisor of the employment service who was in Charleston at that time as I told you.

I trust that the information sent you will be adequate. However, if an opportunity presents itself for us to secure additional facts and you should desire them, we shall route to you what we are able to learn. Please advise on this.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/mw

July 8, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Enclosed are your clippings from the State, returned as promised.

This information is of considerable value to us and we are grateful for your effort in securing it for us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - Clippings from The State - dtd: 5/20/58 and 5/24/58.

VIA AIR MAIL

July 24, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for your good letter in regard to our meeting at the Race Relations Institute. I am sorry we had so little opportunity to discuss specific state programs, but I hope we can remedy that.

C. H. Parrish is on the job starting this week, and I have shared your letter with him. He will be in touch with you - if he has not been already - about the best time for him to pay a visit to Columbia. I need not tell you that we want to do everything we can to assist the South Carolina Council in developing and carrying on effective program.

As to your expenses, a check should be sent to you presently. Since Mr. Dabbs provided the transportation, we are sending him a check for his mileage from Mayesville, round-trip, at our standard rate of eight cents (.08) per mile. I hope this is how you want it handled. The remaining amount for your own out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed to you shortly.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Rcd 7/17/58 mf

CHP - Please read + return to me with comment.

HCF

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street ~~1508 Lady Street~~ Room 100
COLUMBIA, S. C.

July 16, 1958

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold Fleming:

It was good seeing you at Fisk. Your contribution to the Institute was excellent and we thank you for same.

Dr. Parrish told me that he will be working with the Council as soon as his teaching work in Louisville terminates. I am hoping very much that it may be possible for you to schedule a visit of a day or two, at least, from Dr. Parrish to us at the very earliest possible time.

I should like to have talked with you as to the relative merits of our attempting to continue the present program in South Carolina, under existing circumstances. I feel that I do not have to assure you of my concern and interest, or even of my willingness to sacrifice for "the cause". However, there are many factors to be weighed. I believe that Dr. Parrish can help us to do this both realistically and objectively. I am having some pressure brought upon me to accept work on another job which I do not want to do if we can create a situation in which a more effective program can be realized through the Council. Please let me hear what you think may be possible, and when, as far as a visit from Dr. Parrish is concerned.

As you know Mr. and Mrs. Dabbs were given through the South Carolina Council on Human Relations half scholarships which Dr. Long granted us. The three of us drove to Nashville in Mr. Dabbs' car. The round-trip from Columbia was nine hundred and thirty-five (935) miles and from Mr. Dabbs home one thousand and fifty-five (1055) miles. I do not know from which point of departure you may wish to pay the mileage.

My meal enroute and other expenses amounted to four dollars and twenty-five cents ($4.25).

With every good wish and much appreciation for all that you are doing, I am

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/mw

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street ~~1508 Lady Street~~ Room 100
COLUMBIA, S. C.

August 8, 1958

Mr. Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Emory Via:

Please send directly to persons listed on attached, INDUSTRIALIZATION: ACCENT ON THE SOUTH.

If you can spare additional copies of this pamphlet for our by-hand distribution, we can use to advantage 25-50 copies.

Appreciatively,

Alice N. Spearman/w

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/mw

(Not signed by Mrs. Spearman)

September 4, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

The enclosed letter from Mr. John Cauthen leaves me at a loss. I've had no correspondence with him or the Textile Manufacturers' Association. Can you shed any light on this? I thought that perhaps he might have seen "Industrialization: Accent on the South" and had it connected to my name, but that the correspondence in his office got switched. My main interest is to know that my name is not being used in support of documents or causes about which I know nothing.

No action is indicated on your part, but I thought you might have some clue as to what Cauthen might have received which occasioned his having my name or cause to write to me. Please don't make any special effort to find the source of the mix-up.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

Please have 25 copies of the Editorial from the Richmond Times-Dispatch sent to us.

Appreciatively,

ALICE N. SPEARMAN
S.C. Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter St., Rm 100
Columbia, S.C.

100 sent
Sept 5, 1958
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September 11, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter St., Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

My dear Mrs. Spearman:

This is my last day at SRC this summer and so far I have had no reaction from you with respect to our conversations of a month ago. Really, I am not sure whether I was supposed to write or not. There is a little sense of guilt because I have done nothing to follow up the ideas we talked about. I do feel, however, that your considered comments would be exceedingly helpful in formulating a useful program in the typical "hard core" state.

Any suggestions you may send now should be addressed to Fred but I do hope you will send a carbon directly to me at the University of Louisville. You may be assured of my continued interest.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:ls

September 12, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Many thanks for your prompt and effective help on my recent request for suitable South Carolina names. I have put the suggestions to good use. Let's hope for the best.

If you should talk with Mr. Herbert, I'd be interested in the results.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1745 Sumter St. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Room 100

COLUMBIA, S. C.

9/2/58

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Mr. Phil Buchheit is the publisher of the Spartanburg Herald and of the Spartanburg Journal, morning and afternoon papers, respectively. He is known as a responsible, civic-minded person. Of his two editors, Charles O. Hearon, of the Journal is the better known. Between Hearon and William Gaines, editor of the Greenville Piedmont, I think Gaines better.

About a Negro representative, a few comments. Except for geographical representation and the possible angle of the sexes, Mrs. Marion B. Paul should be considered. She is a resident of Columbia; address 2324 Washington Street. She is well known and well liked by Mr. Beverly Herbert. Her office is located at State College in Orangeburg from which she works over the entire state in the capacity of assistant state home demonstration agent. She is a moderate truly, but is unafraid, and plenty keen.

Another possible Negro representative from Charleston is Mr. Herbert DeCosta, 91 ½ Spring Street. He is a contractor, highly respected and independent.

As I told you, I shall continue to try to contact Mr. Herbert. However, when you get information as to who have been appointed, I'll appreciate being informed.

In anticipation of extra copies of the Richmond Times Dispatch editorial, our thanks!

Best wished and warm regards.

Faithfully yours,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Exxcutive Director

P.S. Mr. W.H. Beattie is president of the Woodside Mill in Greenville. He has a tradition of tolerance and decency which should make him more acceptable than many industrialists.

September 18, 1958

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Harold is away from the office and, in the interest of time, we are responding to your letter of the 16th.

John is sending you the requested 100 copies of the Ashmore reprint. He advises me that a few additional copies may be available but the demand for this piece is heavy and it is unlikely that we will continue to have an appreciable number on hand unless another printing is justified.

Enclosed are copies of the reviews from the Christian Science Monitor and the Saturday Review. We had not seen the Jet piece, but will attempt to secure a copy of the September 18 issue. Unfortunately, we do not receive WIS-TV in the Atlanta area but it's certainly good news to know of this local exposure.

Incidentally, we have arranged with the Fund for the Republic, for copies of the transcript of the Wallace interview and a few copies will be available for SCHR if you want them.

Congratulations on the good news concerning the SCHWARPTHAUP Foundation. It's good news indeed. How much?

I'm sure you will hear from Harold on his return. In the meantime, our best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:mf
Encls.

1745 Sumter St., Rm 100
Columbia, S.C.
Sept. 16, 1958

Mr. Harold Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold Fleming:

We are getting requests for copies of " The Easy Chair" by Harry Ashmore. If you can spare 100 copies for immediate distribution here, we shall appreciate having them. May we hear from you as to whether additional copies may be available, should the demand continue?

Did you see the report of Mr. Dabbs Mike Wallace interview in the Sept. 18 issue of JET?

If you can spare a copy of the review in the Christian Science Monitor and in the Saturday Review of Literature, we'd appreciate same.

I was able to arrange an interview on Palmetto Press Conf. with Mr. Dabbs for Monday night, October 6 at 10:30 p.m. on WIS-TV, which is channel 10. I'm told that the channel is exceptionally strong, but do not know whether or not you can get it. Aren't we proud of our celebrities!

Last fall Mr. Dabbs and I tried to secure a small grant from the Schwarpthaupt Foundation for a series of conferences to be held at Penn. Because we did not have a tax-exempt status at that time, we were advised to request this in the name of Penn, which we did. We have recently learned that the amount asked for has been granted. We acted so hurriedly that we did not think through the fact that we might as well have asked for more, to help us over the administrative burden of raising funds in a state where the time spent does not in any way produce funds commensurate with the time and effort expended. BUT, we shall learn; that is if we can survive! We are working on some ideas which will interest you, I'm sure. They should be productive too. More of this when we make our quarterly report.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman

Clippings enclosed

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W. D. WORKMAN JR.

NEW BOOK ON RACE ISSUE
SINCERE BUT MUDDLED

8-27-58

COLUMBIA — Out of South Carolina has come another book on the touchy subject of segregation — this one billed as "a classic statement of the enlightened Southern view of race relations in the long perspective of history."

Its author is James McBride Dabbs, a college professor turned writer-farmer and a man who writes sensitively and sincerely about a problem which vexes him sorely. His presentation against segregation deserves a respectful audience, although many a South Carolinian, like this reporter, will disagree with much that he has to say. For one thing, and there are other reasons as well, Dabbs is entitled to be heard as a Southerner who differs in point of view from most of his neighbors and who yet has the courage of his convictions and enough love of the land to stay in the South.

Dabbs' volume is entitled, "The Southern Heritage" a title which might be more accurate were "A" substituted for "The." Nevertheless, he extablishes his Southern credentials securely if superfluously by frequent reference to his life, early and late, in the Mayesville community of Sumter county. Out of this conscious identification WITH the South comes what seems to be an unconscious assumption that he speaks FOR the South.

IT IS QUITE LIKELY that he speaks for some Southerners, for he currently is president of the Southern Regional Council, but despite hiw own high regard for that Atlanta-based, integrationist agency, that estimate is by no means representative of Southern thinking. Nor will many agree with his description of the man of the South:

"The Southerner tends to accept the world rather than to change it; it is a part of his conservatism. I know the faults that lie at the extremes of this virtue. On the one side, indolence; on the other, violence. The South at its best is relaxed; at its worst it is either asleep or frenzied."

Dabbs draws too narrow a picture of the Southerner, although his word pictures often carry felicity as well as feeling. He is pre-occupied with the ante-bellum South, with slavery days, and the effect of both on the Southerner of today, be he white or black. The fact that he paints the Southerner both as a reflective dreamer and as a busy realist confuses the portrait, and leaves the reader wondering which, if either, is correct.

The confusion is compounded by the almost total absence of any reference to the contemporary middle-class Southerner, who is actively reworking the physical and economic face of the region while striving to retain some of the political virtues embodied in the traditional Southern doctrine of states' rights. That doctrine receives short shrift from Dabbs, who places most of his stress on the economic factors to which he attributes the bulk of segregationist sentiment.

Dabbs belittles Southern fears that the end of segregation would bring any upset to Southern culture, any interbreeding of the races, or any appreciable lowering of either educational or moral standards among whites. There is a degree of naivete in his contention that in mixed schools, upper-class Negroes would associate with upper-class whites; and lower-class with lower-class. And

as if to negate the evidence of lower-class Negroes forcing themselves upon whites, regardless of class, he says that "it seems unwise to gulp down the supposed lessons of Washington (D.C.)"

Dabbs, in keeping with other "enlightened" Southerns, attempts to diagnose the attitudes of various types of segregationists: ". . . among middle-class white people one may find the most intense racial feeling. Such people are often on the make; they are straining to hold or to improve their position. . . Being set against everyone, they are set especially against the Negroes, against whom, as a minority group, it is permissible to be prejudiced. . .

"Yet it is a fact that the present opposition to desegregation often comes from well-placed, secure white people. . First, being well-placed, they tend to be suspicious of all change. Second, they often profit from racial discrimination. Third, they are the accepted leaders of their community . . . The main job of these white leaders is to keep unchanged the old distinguishing marks, to stand still racially and see that everybody stands with them. . .

" "Indeed, it is possible that the poorer whites of the South have been charged with a degree of racial animosity which they do not really feel . . . I am suggesting here that the middle- and upper-class whites, exploiting the poorer whites, have given them grounds for bitterness and have exercised upon them sufficient influence to turn that bitterness against the Negroes. I am suggesting also that the political and economic leaders of the South are g generally aware of this situation and justify it on the ground that it is for the best interest of society."

Dabbs is at his best when he espouses the virtue of man-to-man contact between whites and Negroes:

"Slowly we find our condescending good will turning to respect, and in this mutual respect we shall hammer out justice together."

Most Southerners can agree on that point, but few will concur in the belief that coercion from either the federal government or the NAACP will enhance the development of that mutual respect.

"The Southern Heritage," published at $4. by Alfred A. Knopf, is scheduled for publication tomorrow, August 18.

NEWS AND COURIER - August 17, 1958

September 30, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human
Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Does the enclosed letter from F. W. Bradley have any significance for you.

Thought you would be interested.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

W. D. WORKMAN JR.

News & Courier 10-5-58

Private Education And Public Funds

Retn to S. C. COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

COLUMBIA — The Supreme Court of the United States cannot be expected to know, or appreciate, this, but there was a time when an earlier Supreme Court upheld the use of public funds for private education.

Back in the days of the late Huey Long, the school children (and the voters) of Louisiana were promised by the then candidate for Governor that he would provide free textbooks for ALL children, not just those in the public schools.

In a region thick with Catholics, that promise was weighty, since it pledged the use of tax funds for the benefit of youngsters who were in parochial schools.

TRUE TO HIS WORD, Long secured enactment of such legislation, and the inevitable lawsuit arose, challenging the right of the state to expend public funds for textbooks for children attending non-public schools.

The law was upheld, however, and when the case reached the U. S. Supreme Court, these were words handed down by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes in April of 1930:

"The appropriations were made for the specific purpose of purchasing school books for the use of school children of the state, free of cost to them. It was for their benefit and the resulting benefit to the state that the appropriations were made.

"Viewing the statute as having the effect thus attributed to it, we cannot doubt that the taxing power of the state is exerted for a public purpose. The legislation does not segregate private schools, or their pupils, as its beneficiaries or attempt to interfere with any matters of exclusively private concern. Individual interests are aided only as the common interest is safeguarded. . . ."

A QUARTER-CENTURY after the Court's decision in the Louisiana case, the State of California enacted a statute which permitted the use of public funds for private education. The California act (Bill No. 1546, approved July 8, 1955) relates to the field of higher education, but its principles would apply as well to education generally.

In essence, it makes public funds available to the winners of competitive examinations and permits those winners to use the funds for attendance at any California college or university of their choice, private or public.

TO THAT EXTENT, the California plan lends itself to consideration as a means of appropriating state funds for educational purposes at other than tax-supported institutions. If the policy is sound in its application to higher education, then the policy could be made equally applicable to elementary and secondary education.

In adopting the plan, the California legislature said:

"The legislature hereby declares that it regards the collegiate education of its qualified citizens to be a public purpose of great importance; and further declares the establishment of competitive scholarships. . . to be a desirable and economical method of furthering this public purpose. The legislature has come to the conclusion that the benefit to the State is assuring the development of the talents of its qualified citizens will bring tangible benefits to the State in the future.

AN UNUSUAL FEATURE of the tax-supported program of college scholarships lies in the provision which permits each scholarship winner to "use his scholarship at any one of the institutions of collegiate grade located in California if such institution offers a two-year junior college or four-year college course and is accredited by the Western College Association." The act makes no distinction between public, private, denominational, or other types of colleges or universities.

In that respect, the California plan is similar in purpose to the earlier plan whereby Louisiana provided free textbooks to all children.

Both plans give strong support to the contention that states might likewise provide tuition grants, on either a competitive basis or upon a blanket basis, to children desiring an education.

October 13, 1958

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Under separate cover we are sending you an additional 350 copies of the Mike Wallace interview. Happy to know that you can use this very fine pamphlet.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:ls

THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

1745 Sumter Street, Columbia, S.C.

October 6, 1958

Mr. Paul Anthony, Administrative Asst.
Southern Regional C ouncil
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Anthony:

Replying to yours of Oct. 2 enclosing transcript of Mike Wallace interview of Mr. Dabbs. We have not yet received the 50 copies you state you are sending, but inaddition to the 50 we would like to have 350 additional copies for uses at four conferences.

Thanking you in advance,

Sincerely,

Alia N. Spearman

ANS/cah

Executive Director

P.S. Thanks ~~too~~ for Dean Bradley's letter. He was a great friend of Marion Wright's and was signed a very enlightened public statement.

Alia

Memo FROM THE DESK OF **FRED ROUTH**

14 Nov 58

Dear Alice,

Harold asked me to drop you a note and explain our failure to get someone to the meeting of the S.C. Council at Penn next Tuesday.

Harold couldn't reach Mr. Glass; all of us on the Central Staff are previously committed; I tried to call Ed Lantz but couldn't get him.

If it is at all possible, I suggest that in the future you let us know about such things somewhat more in advance and we will have a higher score in meeting your requests.

Sorry we couldn't do better.

Regards.

November 14, 1958

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am sending along a memo outlining what SRC did regarding allocations to state organizations for 1959. I wish it had been possible to give the South Carolina Council all that it needed. You will note that the South Carolina Council's allocation is above both the average and the median.

Best of luck in 1959.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure

Tennessee Council on HUMAN RELATIONS

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Louise Young
Executive Director

February 25, 1959

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Constable:

Thank you for Selected Film Bibliography. Please send us 10 more copies.

Sincerely,

Louise Young

Louise Young
Executive Director

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SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina
February 25, 1959

Mr. Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Anthony:

Please send us twenty-five (25) copies of the pamphlet, "The Commission on Civil Rights".

Thanking you in advance for these pamphlets, I am

Sent 2/26/59 MJ

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman

ANS/ahj

March 10, 1959

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for your letter of March 6, with all the interesting information it contained. Let me answer point by point the various questions you raise, or make comment on what you've said:

1) Regarding the 1959 Encampment For Citizenship, I suggest you write Algernon Black directly. I see no reason why all this should be channeled through our offices. These national groups should learn to deal directly with responsible local leadership.

2) I am glad to hear that you plan a S. C. Annual Meeting at Penn Center early in May. Please let us have the date of this meeting as soon as it is set.

I like the suggested outline that you included in the third paragraph of your letter.

3) I am indeed interested to learn that the NAACP has affected a wide-scale reorganization in the Palmetto State. J. Arthur Brown of Charleston (their new Secretary) is a friend of mine of some years standing.

4) I am not sure that it is wise to push the Claredon County case at this time, though obviously the decision is not ours. It

would seem to me that suits in Rock Hill or Greenville would make more sense because of the difference in climate of public opinion.

5) I was sorry to learn that the White Citizens' Councils have more or less stopped their inter-organizational fights and have selected a new executive secretary. If Farley Smith is as much of a firebrand as his daddy, Cotton Ed, was, he may be popular in South Carolina, but he will not help the reputation of the White Citizens' Council movement outside the area.

Please keep us posted on all these developments.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

PHONE 5-1110

Rev. Houston D. Anderson, Jr.

FIELD SECRETARY, NAACP

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SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina
March 6, 1959

Mr. Fred Routh
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Fred:

I was glad to have your memorandum of January 13 relative to the Encampment for Citizenship, 1959. Unfortunately we have not heard from Algernon Black yet. Because it takes a lot of work to secure applicants for scholarship aid, I want to get to work on this right away, ~~and~~ If already have a few people standing by ready to help. Last year we received no information as to scholarship aid. Therefore I am at a loss to know for how many persons we might hope to secure same in 1959. Any light you can throw on this for me will be appreciated.

At an executive committee meeting last week we tentatively set the date for our annual meeting for the first weekend in May and plan to hold it at the Penn Center on St. Helena Island. Unfortunately I have discovered that this date conflicts with the annual convention of the South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. As soon as our date is definitely set, we shall let you hear from us.

We plan tentatively to hold the conference from Friday evening when we shall have a general meeting through lunch on Sunday. On Saturday we plan to hold a series of three workshops, presumably in the areas of (1) community organization, (2) education with emphasis upon adult education for citizenship, and (3) economic affairs with a focus upon the Negro's relationship to the total economy. Ways will be sought for securing Negro participation in the stepped-up efforts to improve the economy which are being taken under the leadership of Governor Fitz Hollings, the South Carolina State Planning and Development Board, and a special committee under the chairmanship of Senator Carl West of Kershaw County. ~~A Senator West~~ The Committee has been set up jointly by the House, the Senate and the Governor. It has held one public hearing, has been engaged in much activity and plans to make a report

to a joint session of the House and Senate within the next ten days.

You will be interested to know that the Fall meeting of the NAACP effected a wide scale reogranization and that it has employed a full time field secretary, The Rev. Houston D. Anderson, whose card I enclose. The State President is The Rev. J. DeQuincy Newman, 269 North Converse Street, Spartanburg, S.C. The Rev. Matthew D. McCollom, President of the Orangeburg County NAACP, is the first Vice-President and Mr. J. Arthur Brown of Charleston is the new secretary.

Confidentially the NAACP held a strategy conference in Rock Hill last week and is planning to proceed in the Clarendon suit. Tragically there is so little public sentiment in South Carolina to support the suit in that area, that I regret greatly we could not have had the first suit pushed for admission to one of the graduate or professional colleges or in one of the more cosmopolitan urban areas. It seems that no suitable candidates for such suits have been found.

I do feel that if there is any contribution which we might make by way of getting wider understanding of not only the socio-economic conditions in certain areas of Clarendon, but also of the unfair and highly dictatorial administration of the county superintendent of education in that county, we should do so. Definitely I feel that I shall need help from you if we are to make a positive contribution. Please let me have your suggestions at an early date. In todays mail I am communicating with some of the top officials in the NAACP and will tell them of the possible availability of consultant teams through Southern Regional Council. However I shall not label this point until I have heard from you. You will want to share the contents of this letter with Harold.

Significantly the South Carolina Association of The Citizens Council has had some inter-organizational fights which almost created a blow-up. There has been a complete reorganization. Farley Smith of Lynchburg, son of Cotton Ed Smith, longtime white supremacy senator from South Carolina, is the newly appointed executive secretary. The Association has not had a secretary since December 15 following the November General Election in 1956. In the 1956 General Election, Farley Smith served as the chairman of the Independent Ticket which as you recall is the continuing

organization which first broke with the National Democratic Party in 1948, calling itself the States Rights Movement and in 1952 calling itself the Democrats for Eisenhower. The new State President is John Adger Manning of Columbia. Today's news informs us that the State Association will engage in a stepped-up program to have ready, resources and organization, for a system of private schools for South Carolina so that it will not be found sleeping as Virginia was! We shall keep you posted on developments.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ahj

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SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina
March 13, 1959

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Constable:

Please send us one hundred (100) copies of the pamphlet "The Economic Effect of School Closing".

Thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ahj

March 20, 1959

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human
Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Rm. 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am sorry to be such a poor correspondent. I greatly appreciated your recent letters, including those that Fred has shared with me.

We do indeed have a new Director of Research. He is Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar, formerly on the faculties of Emory University and Mount Holyoke College. He also spent some time in South Carolina with the Atomic Energy Commission.

Les is presently up to his neck in old projects and new ones here. I am afraid it will be some time before he can spend any appreciable amount of time out of the office. But, meanwhile, I know he would be glad to give any advice or assistance he can by correspondence.

All good wishes to you and to the South Carolina Council.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina
February 27, 1959

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Street, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Sometime ago Mr. Dabbs told me that the employment of a staff member by SRC to head a stepped-up program of research had been authorized. If such a person has been employed, won't you send me his name and also something of the type of work he is doing?

We are gratified that we are being able to do some rather intensive work with some of the important Negro organizations at this time. There is a lot of interest in securing facts which are needed as a basis for effective communication with status leadership in the white community. It would be of inestimable value if we might have such a persom from your staff to work with us intensively for a brief period of time. Won't you advise me fully as to this possibility?

I had a lenghty conversation with a staff member of the Federal Civil Rights Commission a day or two ago. Unfortunately the commission has had a final refusal from Mr. Beverly Herbert who set forth two interesting reasons, ~~if~~ not for his actions, ~~for the reason~~ but these given the governor by his advisors. More of this when I see you.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman

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SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina
February 20, 1959

Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Attention: Mr. Fred Routh

Dear Harold:

Please accept my sincere apology for having written so seldom in recent months. Doubtless you know we were without an office secretary from the end of August. Just last week we employed Mrs. Wesley Jones who is a former secretary to Bishop S. R. Higgins. You may expect to be hearing from us much more often now.

Your hope that the additional funds made possible by the $3,000 gift will make 1959 the most fruitful year yet for our program will be realized, I am sure. We feel indebted to you for whatever activity on your part helped to bring about this additional financial assistance to us.

We began work in December with about six dollars and ended with about eighteen dollars. It was necessary to put on a stepped-up financial campaign at that season. Also there were other happenings of immediate urgency. Therefore I did not have an opportunity to make a report on our activities of the October through December quarter. Most of these activities hinged around preparation for, the holding of and follow-up to two quite significant state-wide conferences which we held at the Penn Conference Center. I hope soon to prepare reports in some detail for the Schwartzhaupt Foundation. Though belated I shall see that you receive copies of these reports.

Following our Bi-Racial Ministers Conference at Penn which was primarily Negro, we have continued to make a concerted effort to involve status leadership from the white churches. At a meeting held on February 17 we succeeded in bringing together some ministers of the best minds and spirits in the Columbia area. They were setting up machinery to establish a permanent group in Columbia. This should be the beginning of a program which will encourage similar activity in as many towns and cities as possible. You will recall that we

were able last summer to reopen the lines of communication between the Negro and white ministers in Rock Hill. More of this later.

With every good wish to you and other members of your staff, I am

Cordially yours,

Alice N. Spearman/g

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman

ANS/ahj

March 30, 1959

Mrs. Alice H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human
Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Rm. 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, 500 copies of the Dabbs transcript but only 200 copies of "Out of Conviction." We are short on the latter.

Also, we have only a few copies of the Civil Rights Commission brochure, but we suggest you write to the Civil Rights Commission asking for the number of copies you desire. We think they may send them to you without charge.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/mf

Too mailed 4/6/59

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina
April 3, 1959

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Constable:

Please send us one hundred to three hundred copies of the pamphlet "Closing Public Schools Would Constitute Catastrophe!".

Sincerely,

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ahj

April 15, 1959

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
S. C. Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

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Dear Mrs. Spearman:

The Morris-Timmerman Letters and your very kind note were greatly appreciated.

The Judge hasn't changed a bit. Just a bit more cautious in his letter writing which, of course, leaves him only a few worn-out emotional appeals to the dying past.

With regard to the publication of any of the details of my relationship with Judge Timmerman, the Southern Regional Council has had the material with my permission to publish since before I became a V. A. Chaplain. As you can see, Harold Fleming has the freedom to do whatever he thinks best. However, since February 12, 1956, I have had nothing to say publicly on the subject.

Our hospital here approaches being a model of good human relationships. The Georgia Chaplains Fellowship, of which I am president, is integrated. The political climate in Georgia is becoming more realistic.

This is still open season, though, on scapegoats. However, I see no harm in publication if all references are restricted to South Carolina and prior to February 1956.

Surely do miss seeing you from time to time. Know that you are continuing your work with great amounts of faith and courage. Of the big five, South Carolina probably will be the last to re-join the Union!

God's blessings upon you.

Sincerely and cordially,

George J. Stafford

GEORGE J. STAFFORD

GJS/sd

Copy: Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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P.S. I am returning your copy of the correspondence. Harold Fleming had sent me a copy two days before yours arrived.

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April 12, 1959

PROTESTANT WORSHIP SERVICE AT NINE O'CLOCK

. . . Chaplain Stafford

Musical Meditations (8:30 a.m.) "Hymns of Faith"

Prelude (9;00 a.m.) - "Prelude in D Minor" Bach
Call to Worship - "Bless the Lord" Ivanoff
Doxology - "The Old Hundredth" Genevan Psalter
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Responsive Reading No. 51 "The Mercy of God"
Hymn No. 319 "What a Friend"
Greetings and Welcome
Scripture Reading Acts 8:14-24
Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response
Anthem - "Hark, Hark, My Soul" Smart

Sermon THIS POWER
Text: Acts 8:21-22

"Repent . . . Else you have no part in this matter, for your heart is not right before God."

Hymn No. 221 "O Love That Will Not"
Benediction and Choral Response
Postlude - "Aria (fr. Tenth Concerto)" Handel

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DAILY RATIONS (Study for Sunday School)

Monday	- Disobedience.	I Samuel 15:1-9
Tuesday	- A Rebuke.	I Samuel 15:13-23
Wednesday	- Pardon.	I Samuel 15:24-31
Thursday	- A Tragic End.	I Samuel 31:1-6
Friday	- Sorrow.	II Samuel 1:17-27
Saturday	- Sacrifice Rejected.	Isaiah 1:11-20
Sunday	- Sacrifice Accepted.	Psalm 51:10-19

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Sun. - Protestant Worship - 9:00 a.m. - Auditorium
- Chaplain Stafford
Sun. - Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. - Room D-236
- Mr. M. G. Combs, First Bapt. Ch., Dublin
Sun. - Song Service - 3:00 p.m. - Ward 13-A
Song Service - 3:30 p.m. - Ward 15-A
- Bethlehem Bapt. Ch., Dublin
Sun. - Song Service - 3:00 p.m. - Ward 14-A
Song Service - 3:30 p.m. - Ward 16-A
- First A. B. Church, Dublin
Sun. - Song Service - 3:00 p.m. - Ward 14-B
Song Service - 3:30 p.m. - Ward 16-B
- Blue Water Bapt. Ch., Dublin
Sun. - C. Confessions - 4:15 p.m. - C. Chapel
Catholic Mass - 4:30 p.m. - C. Chapel
- The Rev. Robert Brennan, Dublin
Mon. - Group Discussion - 9:30 a.m. - Ward 9-A
- Chaplain Stafford

THE ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be observed each first Sunday immediately following the nine o'clock Protestant Worship Service.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Frank W. Weldon	April 11	Ward 12-A
Baily D. Berry	April 12	Ward 14-B
Robert D. Jackson, Jr.	April 13	Ward 14-B
Wiley B. Cannon	April 15	Ward 6-A
John M. Hughes	April 15	Ward 15-A
Fred R. Joynes	April 15	Ward 13-A
Bryant L. Kelley	April 15	Ward 8-A

THE PRTOESTANT WORSHIP SERVICE is broadcast in the hospital each Sunday on Channel No. 4, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Be sure to listen if you cannot attend.

WHY NOT SEND THE CHURCH BULLETIN HOME? Your family will enjoy reading it - and hearing from you.

The Rewards of Education

Knowledge is power, and power is debt. To the degree that you have power, to that degree you are in debt to all who need this power. Jesus declared that to whom much is given, of him shall much be required.

The man who has medical skills owes these skills to all who are sick. He who owns an industry owes the resources of his business to all who are served by the operation and products of his business. The farmer is in debt to all who need to eat the wheat and beef of his farm. This is the strange law of the Kingdom of God.

Education is schooling for service. If it is not that, it violates the law of God. A young man, finishing law school, cannot contend that his education entitles him to greater income, greater prestige or greater ease than his friend who never completed high school. His education in the law has won for him the right to serve his fellow men and his community in a specialized area. Under God, that is the only right he has earned. His reward is the greater opportunity of service.

The Church is concerned with education primarily to put all schooling on this high plateau of service to God and man. If education is used for self-advancement, God's gifts of training and skills have been betrayed. When it is employed for others, education becomes a tool for glorifying and praising God.

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April 16, 1959

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
416 - 21st Avenue, South
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Miss Young:

Yes we did do the map to which you refer and I am mailing you, under separate cover, several copies. The map is also contained in our publication "Next Steps in the South."

It may be just as well that you did jump the gun on "Southerners and Schools" since we only have one thousand copies of this publication and of course, would have had to divide it among the state groups. Most of the literature we send you, however, we have larger quantities, so let us know any time you can use any of this material to good advantage and we will do our best to supply you.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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April 13, 1959

Mr. John Constable, Director of Information
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Constable:

We have in our office a somewhat battered colored map entitled Distribution of Non-white Population in 1950. The source is listed as 1950 census P-B Series. When we wrote to the Bureau of Census for a fresh copy we were told it was not their publication. I am guessing that you made the color map showing distribution of nonwhite population by counties using 1950 census data. Please send us a fresh copy if you have one or tell us where we might obtain a new one.

The morning mail brought us a copy of Southerners and Schools with a memo that we might secure more from SRC. Several weeks ago we ordered 500 copies which have reached us and for which we have paid $100.00. We shouldn't have moved so fast should we?

Thank you for helping in the matter of the map.

Sincerely,

Louise Young

Louise Young
Executive Director

LY:lh

April 16, 1959

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

SRC has a new policy of inviting, at our expense, one or two state Directors to each session of the Southern Interagency Conference. This Conference, meeting quarterly, is a gathering of agency professionals concerned with problems in the South.

Your turn has now come; you are invited, at our expense, to attend the next session beginning April 28th at 2:00 p.m. and ending at noon on the 29th. The meeting will take place in the Board Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

April 16, 1959

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

In answer to your request for copies of "Southerners and Schools," this is one publication which we have only a very limited number of copies, namely one thousand. Of course, we will have to distribute them among the various state groups and other interested groups. As yet I do not know how many we can spare.

However, if you would give me some indication as to whom you intend to distribute the copies, I would better know how many we could let you have.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina
April 13, 1959

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Constable:

We would like very much to have three to five hundred copies of the reprint from The New Republic, "Southerners and Schools" if you can spare them.

Thank you in advance for as many copies as you may send us.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
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Executive Director

April 20, 1959

Mr. John Constable
Director of Information
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Constable:

Thank you for our fresh good looking maps.

We are glad to have "Southerners and Schools" in considerable quanities and are also glad that you made a large order.

Sincerely,

Louise Young

Louise Young
Executive Director

LY:nlh

Dear Fred, Courtney Siceloff is planning to be in N. West Ga over the weekend & has been invited to the NAACP conf which follows the Southern Interagency Conf almost immediately. I suggested that he come on to Atlanta & sit in on the S.D.A. Conf Tues & Wed but he's hesitant to do so without an invitation from you. If you are willing that he sit in (he'd expect to come at his own expense) please write him in Fayetteville on the next mail! Thanks! Ans

Sent 4/8/59 MF

Alice Spearman wants

Aronson + CCD address

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May 14, 1959

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am most grateful for the generous comments in your letter of the 12th. Such contributions as I might possibly have made were more than repaid by the opportunity of visiting Penn and meeting members of the SCCHR.

I was quite impressed by the meeting and the participants. I find it quite hard to explain but on my infrequent visits to South Carolina I always come away with a feeling of hope for the state. There is something of a positive nature there that is not found in the other areas of the deep South.

No plans have been made for the Fisk Institute, mainly because Fred is leaving and such funds as might be used will be held in reserve for a possible meeting later in the year when a replacement will be active.

Thank you for having me over. At the least opportunity I shall return.

Sincerly,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:ls

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina
May 12, 1959

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I rather fully understand why Atlantans gave Mrs. Knox such an enthusiastic report on your participation in their recent workshop. Incidentally, I failed to hear more about it from either you or Luesta. Won't one of you fill in the gaps for me? I am glad that Atlanta is going ahead with desegregation of its schools and know that South Carolina and Georgia will learn from your experiences.

Incidentally, won't you thank Harold for the strategy of TV broadcasts by Carl Hansen, Dr. Fisher, et. al. and tell him that I seem to see his fine Italian hand in this matter.

A number of projects are pressing for engagements this summer. Are there any plans for state staffs to meet at Fisk during the Race Relations Institute? If so, won't you let me know as soon as possible for what period this is being planned? I was sorry not to see you again before you left to thank you. I had interesting reports from your participation in the workshop on Economics. In fact, Mr. Blanton told me that you backed him up with much effectiveness!

Come to see us again. Meantime, you have our warm thanks and every good wish.

Cordially yours,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ahj

May 26, 1959

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Rm. 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for your two latest letters.

We have no objection at all to your having expressed to John Morris your hope that he might serve the South through SRC. While I share your high opinion of John and your feeling that he could give important leadership, I see little prospect of SRC creating a suitable position. Some of our supporters are the same ones who support the social action programs of the various religious bodies, staffed by Will Campbell, Jack Marion, and so on. We have seen our role as one of assisting and cooperating with those efforts; at this time, anyway, I'm afraid neither the church groups nor our foundation friends would understand why SRC, particularly as a secular body, should launch a parallel effort.

My own hope is that John Morris will eventually find a suitable berth, denominationally or ecumenically, to work in the field of race and religion in the South. If an opportunity arises for us to further such a move, we will most certainly do it.

I'm glad that Paul Anthony could be with you at Penn and that he did such a good job for you. He is developing quite a reputation as a speaker and is in danger of replacing Fred on the lecture circuit.

I passed along your invitation to Jane. She was flattered to be remembered in her professional role -- which, alas, she has all but forgotten. But the burden of children and domestic life, she says, makes it impossible for her to accept. My own influence was exerted on the side of acceptance, but in such matters my influence doesn't count for much!

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - (Morris correspondence)

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SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina
May 15, 1959

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold Fleming:

I trust that I have not been presumptuous in making the suggestion and statement to John Morris which you will read in the enclosed correspondence. Frankly, I feel that John would have a unique and needed contribution to make in South Carolina which would also be helpful in other southern states. Won't you return the enclosed correspondence along with your reaction to it?

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ahj

RECEIVED MAY 18 1959

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina
May 12, 1959

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Thank you very much for having shared Paul Anthony with us. My congratulations to you in your selection of him as your administrative assistant. He did a corking good job both as a speaker on the opening evening of the conference and again in his informal participation in a workshop the next morning.

We had something over one hundred adults in attendance at the meeting, which is the maximum capacity of the Penn facilities. However, there were a number of members from the surrounding ~~A which~~ area who came in for part time participation.

Perhaps the most significant development of these meetings was the establishment of an Adult Education Coordinating Council which will hold its initial meeting at Penn either during the week of May 31 or of June 1. The purpose of this council will be to coordinate the many Negro organizations which have an interest in citizenship education. Doubtless you will recall from our last quarterly report that the NAACP held on January 31 ~~the~~ a very effective summit conference on both registration and voting. At that time the theme song was "The Need for Motivation".

We have been working with numerous Negro organizations a part of whose program is concerned with children and youth. They have been excluded from plans for the 1960 White House Conference. In the process of working with these groups, many needs have emerged for more understanding of how movements which involve laymen and governmental employees operate in South Carolina. In other aspects of our work the needs for legislative briefing, and general knowledge of the structure of municipal, county and state government have emerged.

It is our hope that at the proposed meeting at Penn in June, a program can be hammered out which can be shared later with grass root leadership drawn from the cooperating Negro organizations. It is proposed that such a program be held in each of the six congressional districts in South Carolina.

You may be interested to know that the president of the South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Clubs is the chairman of this group. The state president of the Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers is the vice president. The secretary of the State Palmetto Education Association is the secretary. The Executive Board is composed of key persons from other status and mass organizations.

Because we believe that at the June meeting it would be helpful to explore the values of community self-surveys and to offer some guidance in how to conduct them. I am putting you on guard that we would like very much to have you and Jane participate in this meeting if possible. If your own busy schedule makes this impossible for you, do you think that Jane would be able to come? My ignorance about what I know is a lovely Fleming family is inexcusable! However, if the children could come with Jane and would enjoy doing so, adequate provision can easily be made for their care.

I am late in thanking you for the generosity of the Council in making it possible for me to attend the recent Inter-Agency Conference at Atlanta University. I found it most helpful and challenging. It is so easy to wear blinders on this job. I did not realize before attending the conference how badly I needed the broader perspective ~~for~~ that attendance at the Inter-Agency Conference made possible to me.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ahj

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SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 Sumter Street - Room 100
Columbia, S.C.

June 10, 1959

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn ~~Avenue~~ NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Paul Anthony:

It was good seeing you at Daytona. You made a very good Mrs. Tilley.

I am trying to get the enclosed letter to the Miss Adams who attended the Southern Inter-Group Agency conference meeting at Atlanta University April 28 and 29, but seem to have misplaced her address. She told me that she is the only professional staff leader of the Southern Leadership conference— Ma tin Luther King organization.

If you will kindly address the enclosed letter to her for me, I shall greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman per cah.
(Mrs. Alice N. Spearman)
Executive Director

ANS/cah

Miss Ella Baker
208 Auburn Ave NE

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 Sumter Street - Room 100
Columbia, S.C.

June 10, 1959

Dear Miss ~~Adams:~~ Baker:

We are having a leadership training workshop at Penn Center, St. Helena Island, Frogmore, S.C. Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21. We hope to focus upon areas in civic and public affairs in which Negro participation is needed.

It has occurred to me that it would be most helpful to have you participate in the conference with us if you can do so. Unfortunately, our funds are limited but we can take care of your expenses on a minimal basis, if your own budget is too limited to do so.

Please let me have an affirmative response from you at your earliest convenience, so that we may engage in correspondence as to the most effective role you will play.

It was so good seeing you at the last meeting of the Southern Inter-Agency Conference in Atlanta, and I sincerely trust that you may find it possible to work with us at Penn.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs. Alice N. Spearman)
Executive Director

ANS/cah

Sent 6/12/59

Same ltr. to Harry Jones and Bill Williams

June 18, 1959

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human
Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Rm. 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

In Harold's absence, this will acknowledge receipt of the quarterly report from the South Carolina Council.

Our check will be mailed on or before July 1.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

July 21, 1959

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on
Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

As SRC finances go, the prospects for 1960 look reasonably hopeful. We must find a fair amount from new sources if we are to match this year's budget, but I am not pessimistic about our chances. Unless there is some unforeseen negative development between now and the November annual meeting, the staff will probably recommend a budget of approximately the same proportions as this year's, including a total allocation for aid to state groups of about the same dimensions.

I needn't stress the fact that our solvency and ability to meet our commitments depend on actually realizing predicted (but not committed) income. Also, it is always possible that out Board will have ideas of its own. So what I have to say now must be taken as strictly unofficial and speculative.

As to the anonymous gift, this was explicitly a one-shot beneficence. There is no reason whatever to assume another windfall of this sort. Therefore, without knowing what projects you may be considering, I should certainly urge you to use it with as much frugality as possible.

I hope these general and inconclusive comments will be of some help to you in planning your next steps.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sl

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 Sumter Street - Room 100
Columbia, S.C.

RECEIVED JUL 17 1959

July 16, 1959

Mr. Harold Fleming
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Harold Fleming:

We have felt so indebted to you for the anonymous gift of $3,000. which has enabled us to focus on program more than we had been able to do during any previous year. We have spent this very conservatively, as you will note from our last quarterly report. However, there are a number of very worth while projects as possibilities.

Before making choices and final decisions, it will be very helpful if you can find it possible to give us a financial forecast for the coming year. We can spend all of the money to advantage during the current year. However, longevity of our project is to be preferred to any of the possible projects referred to above. As you know, the legal stalemate has not yet been broken in this state and until it is, we shall need to find some way of keeping the organization going, in order to hold our gains and to use them when they are most needed in the crisis situation which we are sure will arise.

In replying to this letter, I am sure you will give me as much insight as you can, to enable us to know whether or not to hold back some of this year's anonymous gift toward next year's expenses.

I hope that you will write me a letter marked "confidential" so that the office secretary will not be made to feel insecure. Of course, I shall play entirely fair with her and give her sufficient advance notice, should the situation develop that we have insufficient funds to retain her services. next year. You will understand, however, that I do not want to develop a feeling of insecurity in her which will send her looking for another job at this time.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
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(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS.cah

July 23, 1959

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

As the new field man here I found your quarterly report particularly interesting and helpful. I am pleased and somewhat surprised to learn that the South Carolina Council is able to carry on such a constructive and far reaching program in spite of the negative political atmosphere in South Carolina.

I am anxious to learn as much as I can about the South Carolina Council and it would be helpful to me if you could include a little more detail in your next report. I am particularly interested in your workshops and in the annual meeting for instance. It would be helpful to us here is we could know how many attended the workshops and meeting, what the workshop progfam was, etc. I hope the new effort of the Adult Education Coordinating Council is proving fruitful.

Your efforts to secure persons to serve on the advisory committee to the Civil Rights Commission are very

important. I know that this must seem a discouraging task but you may be better off in the long run than we were in Virginia where we were settled with an advisory commission pretty well controlled and dominated by massive resistance elements.

I hope that we can spend some time together soon so that I may become more familiar with the important work that you are carrying on.

Send on your quarterly financial report as soon as you can.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sl

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 Sumter Street - Room 100
Columbia, S.C.

August 4, 1959

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Room 432 - 63 Auburn Ave.N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Rilling:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of July 23rd. We are glad that you are anxious to learn more about the S.C. Council and shall, indeed, be glad to make our next quarterly report in greater detail. Throughout the entire reporting period to SRC, we have made our reports in considerable detail. However, in state staff maatings, we have learned from other state directors that their reports were being made in much more concise form. Our last quarterly was, therefore, made in an effort to reduce for SRC staff the volume of reading.

I note that you hope that we can spend some time together soon. This hope is certainly a mutual one. I am eager to receive any assistance which you may be able to give us, and look forward to getting better acquainted with you personally. You may recall our having met when we were both participants in the Southwide Conference on the Far East, which was held jointly by the Assembly and Emory University in Georgia April, 1958.

Thank you for calling to my attention the fact that our quarterly financial report had not reached your office. This was an oversight in our office, related to the newness of our present secretary, and overwhelming volume of work. We are sending it under separate cover today.

I have not yet taken my vacation and do not plan to take it all at one time, but plan to be out of the office next week. We are working with a co-ordinated group of Negro organizations, preparing for Dr. Martin Luther King's first appearance in South Carolina, which is scheduled for September 29th through October 1st. More of this later.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
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(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

September 22, 1959

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Rm. 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I have given considerable thought to the ideas we discussed during your recent visit here, and have shared them with other members of the staff.

I think that the idea of convening a consultation of intergroup relations workers from the hard-core states to consider what particular approaches might be developed in these hard-core world areas of Mississippi, South Carolina, Alabama, etc. has considerable merit. I discussed the matter with Jean Fairfax of the American Friends Service Committee and learned that the AFSC is considering placing a man in their Baton Rouge office to work specifically in the rural Black-belt areas of Mississippi and North Louisiana. The AFSC has also been considering the idea of such a hard-core meeting at the time that such a person would be employed. I would, therefore, suggest that we join forces with the Friends and defer this kind of consultation until their plans are more developed, which should be fairly soon.

After much reflection, I continue to be quite excited about the idea you put forward of attempting to solicit funds from a foundation for a special

program in the field of adult citizenship education in the rural areas of the deep Southern resisting states. The contacting and developing of indigenous Negro leadership in these areas is a critical need and one that has been too much overlooked so far.

As the first step in such a process, I would suggest that you and Courtney Siceloff get together and prepare a first draft of such a proposal drawing on the experience of Penn Center and other adult education projects that you mentioned to me. After you and Courtney have carried through some preliminary thinking and drafting, the two of you could come to Atlanta and meet with some of us to further refine the proposal, think in terms of the strategy of a foundation approach, etc. Harold agrees with me that the idea has very real possibilities and feels that there might be receptivity on the part of a foundation.

It was good to see you and to have the chance to talk with you. I hope that we can get together in South Carolina sometime soon.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/mf

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

October 22, 1959

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Constable:

I have on hand an advertisement of the book THIS IS THE SOUTH, edited by Robert West Howard and published by Rand McNally. This appears to be a very worthwhile addition to the bookshelves of any person or organization interested in promoting understanding in the South. However, the retail price of $6.00 seems prohibitive at this time.

I am wondering if SRC might buy THIS IS THE SOUTH in quantity lot direct from publisher at a reduced price and for how much could this book be distributed to state organizations. Please let us have your reaction.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS:1

Wish this might be worked out for all books we should have in our small libraries; What chance? ANS.

October 21, 1959

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Your letter to Paul Rilling concerning New South subscriptions has been referred to me.

In accordance with an earlier agreement, New South subscribers in South Carolina are billed three months after expiration of their subscription. These subscribers can be billed monthly just as easily, i.e., we can bill them the same month the subscription expires if that suits your purpose better.

Let me know your wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

John Constable

October 13, 1959

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, North East
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

Although we worked out several years back a schedule for sending reminder notices of membership due dates to our members and successive follow-up notices to those who do not respond promptly, I have been a little confused about how this may or may not tie in with your procedures there for sending NEW SOUTH after subscriptions expire. I shall greatly appreciate it if I may have a statement from the appropriate person as to the routine you follow.

As is often the case, a number of our board members as well as officers often remain delinquent for more than three months. It is my belief that were these people's subscriptions cut off also, it might prod them into being more prompt in their payments.

Your reaction please.

Appreciatively,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS:1

October 27, 1959

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Thank you for your letter of October 22. I agree with you that THIS IS THE SOUTH is a very worth while addition to the library, but I do not believe it is enough in our field to enable us to meet the number of copies it would require for us to be able to get a discount. I expect Mr. Dabbs, since he has a chapter in the book, might be able to secure the book for you at a reduced price easier than we would.

This is the same situation as to the general run of books. That is we would not be able to move enough books to warrant our getting discount prices.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 11, 1959

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

It was nice to hear from you. I am looking forward to word from Courtney or you concerning the possible proposition in line with our Atlanta discussion.

I do think it will be possible for you to purchase books in the field of human relations through the SRC. Let me know if you have any particular needs in this area. We have from time to time to time sent out bibliographical lists. Have you seen these?

I hope I can be with you at your board meeting this Fall. Let me know as soon as the date is set.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/s m

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
3401 Brookwood Court
Columbia, South Carolina
November 16, 1959

Mr. Paul M. Rilling, Field Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, North East
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Your letter dated November 11 must have been dictated before you saw Courtney at the annual SRC Board Meeting. He, Mr. Wright and I are all full of the subject which I discussed with you in Atlanta.

Courtney and I spent two days in New York prior to the Penn Board Meeting in Philadelphia. We discussed the situation in what remains of the ' plantation belt', and the problems it poses for many of the Negro and white people remaining there or migrating. Our discussions were held in the broad context of the significance of this backward area which is duplicated in varying degrees in each of the 'hard core' states, to the nation and indeed to the world also. We found a warm response. We believe that if and when specific requests for financial assistance can be firmed up, that financial assistance will be forthcoming. This may take some time to get under way.

As you doubtless heard at the SRC Board Meeting, the members of the Executive and Finance Committees of the Penn Board are eager to secure consultant service through SRC to advise as to specific program for Penn. He and I and others whom we may identify, will want to work with this effort if and when it is set up. I shall know better in how much detail to write you after I have heard from Courtney. He promised to brief me on the response of SRC to the request from Penn.

I am appreciative of your willingness to attend our Board Meeting and will notify you as soon as the date is set. Unfortunately, our activities are being interrupted somewhat by our inability to date to locate another office.

We are having Ross Clinchy appear before groups at most of the Negro colleges in South Carolina next week. I am not sure that I have told you about activating our bi-racial intercollegiate group here in Columbia this fall. It has occurred to me that this group might be interested in sponsoring appearances of the Panel for Americans. A Panel for Americans group presented a program at the National Council of Negro Women Conference at the Bethune Cookman College in June. At that time, reference was made to appearances in Virginia which had been arranged through you. May I have the benefit of your advice and experience in this matter?

I shall be writing some suggestions for our State Staff Conference later.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS:1

P.S.

I shall appreciate your sending me copies of the Bibliographical List which has been sent out from time to time.

November 20, 1959

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I had interesting and I hope constructive discussions with Courtney and Mr. Wright during the recent Council meeting here. Courtney has undoubtedly passed on to you the substance of the discussions.

It is possible that the Panel for Americans program could be adapted for your needs. I know that organization would be happy to cooperate with anything constructive as far South as Columbia.

I did work with the Panel while I was in Virginia. What it involves is the selection of a panel of students representing both races and various religious and ethnic backgrounds. If you believe that the group could follow through with sufficient adult guidance, that students could be selected and prepared, and that audiences would be available, you should write to:

Miss Marian Hargrave, Field Director
National Council for the Panel
of Americans
Tenth Floor 386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

3401 ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ Brookwood Court

COLUMBIA, S. C.

December 9, 1959

Mr. Paul Rilling
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I am sorry to have missed your long distance call. You will have been told of my efforts to contact you.

We are currently working under something of a handicap, because we have not yet been able to locate a permanent office within a price range that we can afford.

Around the end of November the secretary sent out notices of our Board meeting to be held on Sunday, December 13 at the Methodist Center, 1420 Lady Street, Columbia, S.C. in room 316 at 2:00 P.M. She was instructed to send you one. Not having had your acceptance, I had begun to wonder if there had been an oversight. However, I hope that your 'phone call was to say that you will be with us.

The most important matter to be discussed will be that of the desirability of adapting the policy of SCCHR to make a bigger contribution to the growing efforts of Negroes at the front lines. This is a decision which needs very careful thinking, because as yet, Negroes are doing very little and there is much division among them. Furthermore, there are few whites who will come along even with a "moderate"--- how I hate that word, and yet it does say something----approach. However, we are making some progress in involving more whites in our programs which are related to the needs of the total community. Also, I feel we are helping to bridge the wide gap between the small handful of militant Negroes and the conservative leaders upon whom they must rely too, if any mass movement is brought about. You can see what a fine line we seek to find!

I do hope that you are planning to come. However, if for any reason you are unable to do so, when can you visit us? We'd like a chance to go over a number of things with you?

I shall look for word from you.

Sincerely,

Alice M. Spearman

December 14, 1959

Air Mail

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
3401 Brookwood Court
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I was extremely sorry to miss the Board Meeting this week-end. I could find no record of ever having received a notice of this meeting. At any rate, I was already committed to a meeting this week-end.

I am anxious to come to South Carolina and spend some time with you as soon as possible. I would suggest either the early part of the week of January 11 or the latter part of the week of January 25. I am open to other suggestions also.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
3401 Brookwood Court
Columbia, South Carolina

December 16, 1959

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

Enclosed you will find the notes I promised about a number of ministers who have served or are serving in South Carolina. I trust that I may hear within the next few days about your free dates so that we can set up an interview at as early a time as is mutually convenient. While I should greatly prefer your visiting us here in Columbia, I could manage to come to Atlanta, if that were more convenient for you.

Won't you tell me who is to serve as chairman of the April meeting of the Southern Inter-agency organizations which will be held at Penn. Since this meeting will be in South Carolina and at Penn, I should like to be a visitor if agreeable to parties concerned.

There is a Dr. D. K. Jenkins, D.D.S., member of our board of directors, who asked for a special conference with Mr. Dabbs and me late last spring. He expressed some excellent ideas which we think it would be worthwhile having him express to the southern inter-agency group at its Penn Meeting if the temporary chairman and/or program committee are willing to have him do so.

More of this when I see you.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS:1

Just got your letter. Courtney was ill with "flu" at time of Bd. mtg. Am waiting for his suggestion for dates for our next executive comm. mtg — hopefully Jan 3 or 10. Would either of these dates be possible for you? I need time with you personally but would like Ex. Comm. to meet at Penn too. A.

December 22, 1959

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
3401 Brookwood Court
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

The chairman of the April Interagency Conference will not be named until the January meeting which will be held January 19 and 20. I am sure, however, that you can go ahead and plan to be present. Your attendance at such a meeting, held in South Carolina would be a very normal and proper thing.

I will let you know when the April chairman is appointed so that you can take up with him or her the agenda matter which you suggest.

I would like to spend several days in South Carolina when I come so that I can have adequate time with you and with such other individuals or committees that you think I should meet. January 3 or 10 would be all right with me, but I would need to know quite soon if I am to be with you on January 3. The following week would be somewhat more convenient for me.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

12-17-59

I The Rev. Jackson Stafford, Veteran's Hospital, Dublin, Georgia.

Jack Stafford served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Batesburg, where he was extremely popular as a young, well-trained minister, directly out of the Southern Baptist Seminary. He came under attack from Federal Judge George Bell Timmerman, Sr. who was chairman of his Board of Deacons. The issue began when Jack admitted frankly that he had voted in favor of a resolution of the Christian Life Commission which was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention and supported the Supreme Court decision on segregation in the public schools. Jack was literally persecuted over a period of many months, during which time the Timmerman's (father and son--- George Bell Timmerman Jr. was serving as Gov. of South Carolina at this time) succeeded in alienating all articulate support. It was estimated that he had the confidence of approximately 98% of his congregation when the trouble began. He exercised remarkable restraint and wisdom. His opponents demonstrated a frightening use of power to silence and/or manipulate an entire religious congregation.

II The Rev. Carl Pritchett, Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Wilson Lane Bethesda, Md.

Dr. Pritchett served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Anderson, S.C. where he rendered outstanding service. He was a fine speaker and was in demand by organizations at the state level as well as in the community. He made a fine statement of his position on all occasions and appealed both to political and religious ideals. Soon after the Supreme Court decision he organized a Christian Council on Human Relations which carried on an excellent program in Anderson for several years. Dr. Pritchett showed skill as an organizer and as a leader. The Council under his direction attracted an interdenominational following, and several persons of economic and social status took an active part. Negroes from a radius of some 50 miles or more flocked to the monthly meetings, thus indicating the extent to which the Council was meeting a need. The prosegregation forces in the State and in Anderson evidently decided that he was doing too effective a job. A newspaper man was planted in several of the Council's meetings; reports that were printed were unfair. It was not long before members of Dr. Pritchett's church were withholding their gifts. What other pressures were used, I do not know. However, I do know that Dr. Pritchett faced the issue fearlessly and frankly. He discussed what had happened and the probable outcomes in sermons he delivered from his pulpit before he resigned. At all times he kept the controversy on a high level and acted on the basis of Christian principles. South Carolina lost one of the best minds and spirits when he left the State.

III The Rev. J. Claude Evans, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

Claude Evans served as president of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations when he was editor of the Methodist Advocate and it was both an unpopular and dangerous thing for him to do.(It might well have jeopardized his position, and definitely brought much criticism upon him.). He accepted invitations to make public statements ; e.g. on a popular 'meet the press' type TV program, before organizations which in the days immediately after the Supreme Court decision dared to consider the subject. He wrote many sane and courageous editorials in the Methodist Advocate and met the criticism and abuse which resulted with remarkable skill and patience.

IV The Rev. Hawley Lynn, Woodland Methodist Church, Rock Hill, S.C.

Hawley Lynn has been a member of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations since 1955. He has been one of the most helpful and loyal persons on the Board. The quality of his service has always been superior. He has never hesitated to do 'that which was right', and has had a rare skill in that although he continued to act while others were refusing to do so, he has never seemed to alienate anyone. The secret of this perhaps has been in the fact that he has acted, instead of talking about what he was doing.

V The Rev. Edward L. Byrd, First Baptist Church, Florence, S.C.

Mr. Byrd delivered a sermon the first Sunday after the May 17, 1954 Supreme Court decision, in which he very plainly declared his position. He allowed the newspaper editor to print it in toto. He served for a while as chairman of an informal council on human relations in Florence. He continued to make public statements favoring the Supreme Court decision at important denominational gatherings. Later, he came under attack by the local newspaper. The State's Rights League and other prosegregationist groups demanded that his Board of Deacons dismiss him. Although he does not work outside of his church, he continues to work quietly and we hope effectively with his deacons and other church leaders.

VI The Rev. John Murray, 97 Fourth Street, Greenwood, S.C.

Mr. Murray and Mr. McKay Brabham(see #VII below) introduced a resolution at the annual conference of the Methodist Church condemning the use of economic reprisals and other repressive measures by the white citizens councils and other prosegregationist groups. Mr. Murray's congregation demanded his transfer, which was made. He is to be commended especially because he has no organizational eminence or unusual gifts of personality; he acts on the basis of an unwavering concern and commitment.

VII The Rev. McKay Brabham, Box 361, Union, S.C.

In addition to the fearless stand taken at his annual conference(see above) he has worked tirelessly during the difficult years since May 17, 1954 to establish a council of churches in South Carolina. In spite of what have appeared to be unsurmountable obstacles, he has persevered --- so far, without success. He maintains excellent personal relations with some Negro pastors.

VIII The Rev. John Morris, 3502 Piedmont Street, N.E., Atlanta 5, Ga.

Tireless worker and fine spirit who has encouraged Negroes greatly. He was perhaps the moving spirit and most active person in producing, SOUTH CAROLINIANS SPEAK.

IX The Rev. John Lyles,(Get address from John Morris)

Lost his pulpit because of his role in producing SOUTH CAROLINIANS SPEAK.

X The Rev. Stiles Lines, Rectory Square, Camden, S.C.

Mr. Lines has been persecuted through the years in Camden for his position which he has never failed to make known. However, in spite of bitter opposition, he has remained in his pulpit and continued to demonstrate the ability to "love ones enemies". He has headed a state-wide committee to develop bi-racial ministerial fellowship.

XI The Rev. Mason Stapleton . (present address not known--will trace, if needed.)

A young minister, possibly in his first pastorate, had racial justice, brotherhood, and other Christian ideals so much on his mind and heart that he discussed them, both privately and from his pulpit. A cross was burned, presumably by a Ku Klux Klan group, either at his home, or church. Last year he studied at Union Theological Seminary.

NOTES

1. The Ministerial Association of Rock Hill, S.C. (white) made several strong, constructive statements, unanimously adopted, in 1958 when intimidation and violence were in the ascendency, and the political climate was most unfavorable and oppressive.
2. It was reported to Mrs. Alice N. Spearman by Dr. Carl Pritchett about 1957 that within a period of approximately two years, every Presbyterian minister in the Greater Charleston area was moved. Conflict over racial views played an important causal role, he said.
3. Several ministers have resigned, retired, or quietly accepted calls elsewhere, either because their racial views were unacceptable, or because of power struggles and related reasons, in which their racial attitudes were exploited to make them resign.

Submitted by

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman

December 17, 1959

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
3401 Brookwood Ct.
Columbia, S.C.
Dec. 31, 1959

Dear Paul Rilling,

Courtney and I both think it will be fine if you can be with us either Jan 9 and 10, or Jan. 10 and 11. I have been scheduled in the field for sometime for Jan. 12th. We hope to have some of our key people in on January 10th and believe you will find it helpful to meet with us; we know we'd like to have you then, if possible. I prefer the Jan 10 and 11 dates if equally satisfactory with you. Please let me hear.

We're still without a new downtown office arrangement and won't try to employ another full time, regular secretary until things have 'jelled' a little more.

I trust the Quarterly Report for September – November which is inclosed is not too detailed; I recall your request that I make my reports fuller. There is a lot of filling in needed in the pictures I've presented as well as the need for continuing flexibility.

Best wishes,
Alice H. Spearman

January 7, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
3401 Brookwood
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Paul Rilling is on his way to Detroit for a weekend meeting and asked me to write you. He received your letter of December 31 only this morning, and is very sorry he will not be able to meet with you this Sunday. He is filling in for Harold Fleming at a meeting.

From your postcard, Paul thought you wanted him the end of this month, and asked me to tell you that he is still saving some time around January 27-30 for you. He is sorry you seem to have such a hard time getting together.

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller
Secretary to Paul Rilling

Rm. 605
1400 Main Street
Columbia, S.C.
January 11, 1950

Mrs. Ruth Alexander
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Aunurn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

Because I want the December subscribers to be placed on your NEW SOUTH January mailing list, I am sending it today--- that is our list. Unfortunately, I am not able to enclose the check to pay for these because our bank balance in not sufficient to cover same. Had I realized that there would be this much of a delay in receiving the Jan-Mar. allowance to SCCHR from SRC, I could have held up some other bills until later.

I was without a secretary a part of December, and at the same time also without an office--- I could share a tale of woe, but suffice it to say, the person who typed my Sept.- Nov. report told me that she finished it on January first and mailed it promptly. I was out of town, but trust that there was no more delay. I expected a short delay in receiving our SRC check, but now feel that there may be some problem of which neither of us is aware. Won't you look into this for me and let me have some word from you ? We have a deposit in the savings account, but I don't want to touch this unless it is absolutely necessary. Many, thanks!

I am looking forward to seeing you in February.

Cordially yours,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
S.C. COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

January 13, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street, Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am afraid the delay in your check this quarter was in my office. The report came in with your letter last Thursday as I was on my way to Detroit. I was therefore not able to process your check until early this week. My apologies.

I very much regret having missed coming to Columbia last Sunday. As I told you, we did not get the letter until last Thursday. I do hope that I can come later this month.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1400 Main Street Room 605
Columbia, S. C.
January 20, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Geaogia

Dear Paul Rilling:

Rejoice with me: I'm in an office, the address of which is given above! I hope to stay here. There are still problems to face about secretarial help, but I'm sure I shall be able to make a permanent arrangement before long. Meantime, I have made an arrangement that I believe will work as a temporary thing.

Thank you for your allowances for our shortcomings during the difficult transition period through which we have gone.

Now, about your visit. You wrote that sometime during the latter part of the week of January 25 would be possible for you, and your secretary mentioned the 27th - 29th, I believe. This will be fine with me, if it still suits you. Let me tell you what has been scheduled for those days and you may want to suggest other things.

At 2 o'clock on January 27 a small group from over the state will get together at the newly opened office of the State Conference of NAACP branches to discuss the further coordination and expansion of a program of citizenship education and the implementation of registration and voting in 1960. After that, those of us who are to be on the program of the Conference of Religious Leaders to be held at Benedict College the next day are supposed to get together. This Conference is being called by the State Conf. of the NAACP and is being modelled after the regional conference called in Atlanta last April. Dr. Sam Williams of Morehouse, and Mr. Dabbs and Father Shean are scheduled for the morning sessions. I am to speak and conduct a general discussion in the afternoon, immediately after lunch. There will be a public mass meeting in the evening.

On Friday the 29th, the annual meeting of the S.C. Council of United Church Women is being held. Ordinarily, I could "skip" this very well. However, since Mrs. Dabbs' term as presdient expired, the leaders have refused to call an annual membership meeting, but have held an annual meeting of the Board only, thus excluding most Negroes and greatly cutting the size and effectiveness of the group. A few of us are working to have members attend anyway, since the constitution requires an annual membership meeting. This is a difficult and delicate matter, as you can see and we do not expect big results; rather we hope to get some toes in the door so that the present policy may be changed. We have so little that is bi-racial here that it is important not to loose ground. One of our Board members is a cousin of Mrs. Dorothy McLeod the general secretary of the National Council of UCW, who is anxious to have us work at this matter.

I feel sure that it will be fine to have you attend any, or all of these meetings, if you are interested. However, I do want as much time as you can spare for a conference with you to get your help with the many problems with which we are coping. There is nothing pressing about this, but perspective and professional advice is always helpful, and at present needed especially.

At our last Executive committee meeting the date of our next Board meeting was tentatively set for March 13th. Also, it was decided to place the time of our annual membership meeting in the fall, instead of in the spring. Committees for 1960 which were to have been named at our Board meeting on December 13th but were not due to Courtney's illness have now been named, and I hope that some of them may plan for some district meetings in those parts of the state where we have local councils. If you can be given sufficient notice, I hope that you may be able to work with us in some of these meetings. More of this later.

I am looking forward to the Feb 10-11 Conference in Atlanta.

Please let me hear if you want to visit with any of our Board members when you come. I'm sure that the Ledeens and Howard McClain will want to see you.

The bus situation in Rock Hill has been and continues to be of interest.

The Dabbses and others from Sumter, and a small group of us here from Columbia and Orangeburg took part last night in a Charleston County meeting there. ~~xxxxxnight~~. There is noticeable progress being made by Negroes in coordinating their efforts. Highlander has played a big role in the Charleston area, at a grass roots level.

We shall welcome you whenever you can conveniently visit us. Use your own preference and judgement as to the best time.

Cordially yours,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

January 22, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 605, 1400 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

In view of the heavy schedule of events in which you are involved January 27 - 29, I would suspect that this would not be a particularly good time for us to consult together.

Unless you think it would be better for me to come in connection with the next Board Meeting in March, I will plan to come on Wednesday, February 17, the week following the State Staff Meeting, and stay a day or two, if desirable.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

SCCHR
1400 Main, Rm 605
Columbia, S.C.
January 22, 1960

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Mr. Paul Rilling
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Paul Rilling:

I am enclosing a copy of a slightly revised copy of the proposal we made to the Schwartzhaupt Foundation after talking with the consultant Mr. Carl Tjierendsen in New York City in November. We submitted the proposal at Mr. T's request and on very short notice. His Board which acts on requests primarily at a Board meeting held in the spring, May, I believe, was to meet immediately after we returned home. I think the fall meeting usually reviews previous grants and may make some reallocations of funds. So far I have not had a reply from Mr. Tjierendsen, and think that we should follow-up in some way.

Obviously the proposal is too general and we need to spell out the specifics to him. There are some problems involved in our doing so at this time. Some of these are set forth in my last quarterly report to you. There is further background which I shall need to discuss with you. I definitely need your advice.

Also, I want to follow up with some of the other contacts we made with Foundations in New York in November, and covet advice!

Mr. Brooks of Richmond was in this office for a short time yesterday and asked to be remembered to you.

Cordially yours,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman

C O P Y

REQUEST TO THE SCHWARTZHAUPT FOUNDATION
From
THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
Columbia, South Carolina

Background

The S. C. Coordinating Council of Negro Leaders, to be referred to hereafter as the Council, was organized in October 1958 as an outgrowth of a Leaders' Conference financed by the Emil Schwartzhaupt Foundation, Inc., and held at the Penn Conference Center, Frogmore, S. C. It is composed of interested individuals and key persons from Negro opinion-forming lay organizations.

The attainment of first- class citizenship for Negroes is the fundamental goal of the Council. Several N egro organizations have a program focus on registration and voting. However, reports indicate that results of their efforts are disappointing due seemingly to insufficient motivation.

The May 17, 1954 U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Segregation in the Public Schools, to be referred to hereafter as the Supreme Court Ruling, and petitions presented shortly thereafter by Negro pupils for admission to public schools open to white children drew sharp battle lines, not only between the races, Negro and white, but within the races. Most communication between and within these groups ceased.

The legal stalemate in the Clarendon County Case, one of the original five suits which lead to the U.S. Supreme Court Ruling, has not been broken since the case was last heard before a panel of three federal judges at Columbia, S. C. on July 15, 1955. No other suits have been brought in South Carolina to test the Supreme Court Ruling.

The Council, which met six times in 1958-59, is trying to set in motion again those forces which were working for democratic advances in South Carolina prior to May 17, 1954. The need for strengthening and uniting the Negro potential is very real.

Proposal

It is proposed that the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, in cooperation with of the Council and with the assistance of qualified professional personnel, continue its program of coordination of the Negro opinion-forming organizations and individuals; expand and improve the in-service training of leaders; step up the activity of leadership recruitment; and focus primarily upon study and action programs in citizenship education.

Under this proposal the South Carolina Council on Human Relations would be the secretariat for the Council and provide liaison and consultative and field work services when possible. Meetings of members of the Council and qualified recruits would be held in Columbia, S. C. eight to ten times during the year, probably on a monthly basis. If a meeting of longer duration is needed, the facilities of the Penn Conference Center, Frogmore, S. C. could be used.

The attached Program Outline indicates areas of felt need identified in Council meetings and in the Workshop on Citizenship held at the Penn Conference Center, Frogmore, S. C., June 20 and 21, 1959. (This Workshop was financed by the Emil Schwartzhaupt Foundation, Inc.) It is proposed that monthly meetings focus upon planning next steps in a state-wide coordinated program of citizenship activity, and that leadership and social action techniques be developed as needed.

A very real stumbling block to the effectiveness of the Council is the lack of financial resources of the members, which accounted for the large turnover in attendance at the six meetings held in 1958-1959. An amount to cover cost of travel expense and meals is needed.

Therefore the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, which has been a tax-exempt organization since December 1957, hereby requests a grant of $5,000.00 for the promotion of the program outlined above.

<u>Budget</u>

10 meals, one a month @ $1.00 for 30 persons	$ 300.00
10 trips, one a month, averaging $10.00 each for 30 persons	3,000.00
Expense of program leaders (speaker, consultant)	250.00
Cost of preparation and distribution of materials	1,000.00
Other costs (Administrative, travel, etc.)	450.00
TOTAL	$5,000.00

PROGRAM OUTLINE

LEADERSHIP TRAINING - Prior to the Supreme Court Ruling, Negroes in South Carolina relied heavily upon teachers, preacher, and other Negro professionals. The 'resistance movement' has created a climate in which their leadership is stymied. There are few Negro professionals working with Negro lay organizations. Power struggles are taking place between older and younger leaders of lay organizations, partly because the former have often been 'sole players' and have remained in office too long.

1. A democratic concept of leadership is needed.

2. Non-directive counselling is being asked for to help overcome emotional conditioning - internal conflicts and other psychological inadequacies - developed as a result of living in a segregated society.

3. The psychology of approach to individuals - how to draw them out in interviews, in group discussions, etc., so that they will be interested and alert, and then active.

4. Interpersonal action - how to function effectively in what the psychologists are calling "small groups".

5. Group dynamics. Principles and techniques of collective behavior and of ways to influence it.

CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION AND ACTION

1. Clearing house of fact and action. Enough will be known if awareness is pooled and experience shared.

2. Study and action programs. Coordination and use of resources and participation in civic and political life will provide motivation for registration programs and will promote the acceptance of other citizenship rights and responsibilities.

3. Basic understanding of the South in transition. Perspective in time and space is needed, together with practice in analyzing situations and trends, and for developing useful strategems.

4. Understanding of the immediate situation in the particular locale - in terms of course of number 3 (above).

GOALS TOWARD WHICH GROUND WORK WILL BE LAID

1. Information and program service to the interested public and to the opinion-forming lay organizations to which members of the Council belong. Preparation and mass distribution of materials needed. Editorial policies of most newspapers in South Carolina are negatively oriented, if not outright hostile in the present crisis situation. There are no adequate media for getting needed facts, insights, etc.

2. Preparation of voters' handbooks and/or legislative manuals for every county in South Carolina for use at the 'grass roots' level. Maps, charts, grafts, drawings and simple language recommended.

3. A pilot project to be developed with one of the important mass organizations to be selected on the basis of carefully determined criteria.

4. A pilot project adapted to community or county level in a carefully selected place which would strengthen and unify the Negro citizenship potential there.

5. Stimulating support from foundations, units of local, state and federal governments to foster a large scale program of economic self help, of citizenship education and of functional adult education in the 'backward areas' of South Carolina.

November 8, 1959

By (Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
S.C. Council on Human Relations

January 27, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 605, 1400 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I have just received a letter from Courtney suggesting that I attend the Board meeting of the South Carolina Council, Sunday, March 6. I am therefore reserving that date for South Carolina.

I will plan to be with you for the Board meeting and can either come a day early or stay a day after the meeting to confer more informally with you. If for any reason you would prefer for me to carry through with the visit for February 17 I suggested in my last letter, please let me know. If I do not hear from you I will expect to descend upon you for the March 16 meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1400 Main St. [redacted] Room 605

COLUMBIA, S. C.

January 30, 1960

Dear Paul Rilling:

In a previous letter you had suggested February 17 and/or the time of another Board meeting, I believe. I definitely think that it would be fine to have you at the Board meeting so that as many as our Board members as can attend will be able to meet you. In turn, you will be able to get a first hand picture which will help you to help us. So-- let's settle on the date for your visit, Sunday, March 6. The meeting will open at 2 P.M. and unless some Methodist meeting not yet scheduled comes up, we shall meet as we usually do at the Methodist Center, 1420 Lady Street.

We sometimes schedule morning meetings prior to the Board meeting. Perhaps this will be done this time too, but no definite plan has been made.

I do not think it will make any difference to us whether you spend Saturday or the following Monday with us, since we are to have the time together on February 10th and 11th. Doubtless we shall have time to air our needs, plans, strengths and weaknesses. Your guidance is needed and will be appreciated whenever it can be had!

Let me hear when you know your plans so that we may make a hotel reservation for you.

If everyone else is looking forward to the state staff Conference as much as I am, you'll have an eager group.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman

P.S. The list of topics for consideration at the Conference seems comprehensive and most pertinent.

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

NAME OR SUBJECT:

Spearman, Alice

REGARDING:

Letter of Request to The Field Foundation for underwriting pioneer effort of SCHR (Council of Negro Organizations)

DATE

February 2, 1960

(SEE)
NAME OR SUBJECT:

Foundations - "The Field"

Excerpt from letter to Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director, South Carolina Council on Human Relations, dated April 22m 1960, from Maxwell Hahn, Executive Vice President, The Field Foundation, Inc. 250 Park Ave., New York 17, N.Y.

It is a pleasure to enclose the Field Foundation's check in the amount of $5,500, payable to the order of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. This check is being sent in response to your application of February 2, 1960 and is to be used in accordance with the program outlined therein - for travel to strategic bi-racial meetings, for secretarial services for information program and materials. (Liberal)

It is our understanding that this grant will help the South Carolina Council facilitate liaison between various organizations.

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street - Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

February 17, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Attention: Mr. Harold Fleming and Mr. John Constable

Dear Paul:

John Constable phoned me yesterday, saying that he plans to make a personal visit to the areas in which students have been demonstrating at public eating places. I shall certainly be interested in any insights he may have.

At the present time I am planning to go to Rock Hill on next Thursday, February 25, to work in the community that day and to meet with the local Council that night. It may be that I may be called there sooner.

In the meantime, I would like to share with you briefly from a letter received from the secretary of our local Council in this morning's mail:

"We plan to set aside our regular program and spend the entire time discussing a local situation caused by the Friendship student demonstration at lunch counters.

"In going into the details here, I want to say that feelings are quite deep and intense, and some of us are horrified at the bitterness and hatred shown by a great many white people -- right within our own churches, etc. Of course the rabble which quickly gathered is actually bent on violence, and streams of cars of rough white men and boys race through the colored sections at night. One colored woman was struck unconscious by a rock in a snowball thrown from a car.

"~~Margaret~~ Mrs. (Gregg, presumably quite liberal and a teacher at Winthrop College) and I in no way approve ~~this~~ demonstration in ~~S.C.~~ ~~in the first~~ place, and we fervently hope that it will not continue. White people were afraid to go down town for three days. The police are doing a fine job as far as they can, I think. Mr. Lynn (the Reverend Hawley Lynn, who formerly held the position as Adult Worker in the South Carolina Methodist Board of Education and a valued member of SCCHR's Board) will try to see Reverend Rucker (N) since he heard that he says many times in preaching that blood must be shed. Whose and by whom, I don't know.

"Human relations in ~~Rock Hill~~ have been set a way, way back and I don't think it is worth it."

Miss White is a well-established resident of Rock Hill whom we have recently involved in the local Council. Our contact was made following a fearless and fine letter to the editor of the Rock Hill Evening Herald written by Miss White about the time that the Ku Klux Klan was very active in York County.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman B

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/br

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 605 - 1400 Main Street
Columbia, S.C.

February 23, 1960

Mr. Harold Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave.N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Harold:

Thank you very much for all that you have done to make possible supplementary grants to the state councils. I wish I could tell you just how much impetus it will give our work. However, I trust that our reports to you will tell the story better than I can at this time.

Courtney suggested that I ask Paul Anthony to brief me on the matter of drawing up requests to foundations. He said that Paul had been of much assistance to him. Knowing that you have doubtless trained several persons on the staff to be skilled in this way, I will follow Courtney's suggestion and write Paul Anthony in regard to the two requests which we have made. I reported this as part of my last quarterly report.

I shall appreciate it if you can spare the time to pass on your criticisms and suggestions to me through Paul. I do hope either the Field Foundation or the Schwartzhaupt will undergird further developments of the Co-ordinating Council of Negro Organizations.

The State Staff Conference was most helpful. Again, we are indebted to you, Paul Rilling and your fine staff.

With warm personal regards to you and to Jane. Please be sure to remember me to her.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
RNCUH

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street - Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

February 24, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul Rilling:

Thank you very much for what was a highly successful State Staff Conference. For the next little while I shall be following up on suggestions which I brought home.

We are so glad that you are planning to be in Columbia for March 6th and 7th. Please let me know how you will be travelling and when you expect to arrive. Would you like to have me make your hotel reservation or will you make it directly?

There are three different possibilities for the use of our time on Monday. We do not have to make a definite decision about any of these unless you have a decided opinion in the matter.

Because Mr. Billie Fleming, President of the Clarendon County Improvement Association, has shown more initiative than any Negro with whom I am acquainted in connection with the problems common to the rural counties, I think that we would find a visit to Clarendon County, conferences with him and other key people there valuable. On the other hand, if we decide to go to Rock Hill or to Greenville, it may be possible to have Mr. Fleming attend our Board meeting on Sunday and remain for a brief conference.

I am going to Rock Hill tomorrow and will know better after my return what the situation is there. As I wrote you earlier, I shall be eager to learn about John Constable's observations.

Mr. Solomon told me today that Dr. E. L. McPherson, a Negro physician in Greenville who is President of the Greenville Council on Human Relations, has requested that you meet with his Executive Committee there. I am sure that it would mean a lot to Dr. McPherson and the Greenville Council to have you do this. Dr. McPherson is the first Negro to serve as Chairman of the local Council. He is highly intelligent. I was quite surprised in a conference today in which Courtney Siceloff and I were the only white persons to hear the others criticize Dr. McPherson for not being more active. Since Greenville is not too far from Atlanta by train it might be that you could plan a special trip there or stop over en route to North Carolina or Virginia at a later date. If you would like to go there on Monday evening, we could drive up in my car and you could return to Atlanta by train.

Because we have not had the opportunity in South Carolina recently to have with us a person who has such a comprehensive over-view of the entire region, we have decided to enlarge our Board Meeting and hold it in the library at Benedict College at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, March 6. We would like to have you give a brief statement of philosophy on the role to be played by the State Council. Also, growing out of your experience in Virginia, you might give us a better grasp of the type of readinesses which aided the transition there.

Unfortunately, none of us locally are highly skilled in leading discussions. Therefore, our Board Meetings have more often been devoted to report making than to fruitful discussion of trends and enlarged program possibilities.

My friend Mrs. C. Smith Toms of Charleston, President of the S.C. League of Women Voters, told me how admirably you handled the discussion group at Callaway Gardens in Georgia. We hope that after a short presentation you will lead a discussion as suggested by the above.

I am hoping to find time to boil down the notes I took at the State Staff Conference and to write you somewhat more specifically. In the meantime, I merely wanted to alert you to our plans and desire to use your good services.

Mrs. T. J. Ledeen phoned yesterday to say that she and her husband would like to have you spend a short time with some of the students from the University of South Carolina on Sunday evening, March 6, if a mutually convenient time can be arranged.

It is my thought that you and I can catch up, if not talk out, as we travel about on Monday, March 7.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman B

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/br

February 26, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street - Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for your letter and your suggestions for NEW SOUTH. I will check on the two items you mentioned.

As to the Bill Nichols speech, we do not have a copy we could send you but you could get it by ordering the January 1960 issue of the SOUTHERN ECONOMIC JOURNAL, published at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. We tried to get reprints; but unfortunately, the plates had already been destroyed.

I had an interesting trip to Rock Hill. Talked with Father Shean, Dr. Dewey Duckett, Dean Jackson at Friendship Baptist College and several of the students. Father Shean seemed to think that there was some sympathy among the liberal whites for the movement, and I found a strong determination in the Negro community to continue the movement until some concessions are made by the white merchants. I will be interested in hearing anything else you find out when you visit there this week-end.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1400 Main Street - Room 605
Columbia, S.C.

February 24, 1960

Mr. John Constable, Dir. of Information
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear John:

I certainly enjoyed our little chats when we were in Atlanta.

Recently the South Carolina Conference of the N.A.A.C.P. held a meeting at Benedict College patterned after the Conference of Religious Leaders held on a regional basis in Atlanta last April.

Mrs. Ruby Hurley was the consultant. Dr. Sam Williams of Morehouse, delivered an excellent address. It occurred to me that you might find excerpts from it useful for presentation in a forthcoming issue of NEW SOUTH.

Dr. Anthony O. C. Fernandez, Nigerian Diplomatic Attache at the United Nations, recently addressed the annual meeting of the Palmetto State Voters Association, which met in Florence. His presentation of progress being made in self-government in Guinea, Ghanna and Nigeria was capsuled in a most effective way. He accounted for rapid progress in these countries in two ways, namely 1: The people are glad to be what they are---Negroes, and 2: Unity.

I don't know who arranged for Dr. Fernandez' address; however, I believe it would have general interest for readers of NEW SOUTH.

I heard some remarks on a speech made at the annual meeting of the Southern Economics Association by Bill Nichols. If you have a copy of this speech that you could give or lend me, please do.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman cah

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

March 1, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 605, 1400 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I will be arriving Sunday via Delta flight #478 at 11:59 a. m. I would appreciate it if you make hotel reservations for me.

I will be happy to meet with the students from the university on Sunday evening if this fits in with your plans.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

MF: File

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street - - - - Room 605
Columbia, S.C.

Marcy 1, 1960

Mr. Harold Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Harold:

handled by SC

I was interested in what you told us at the recent state staff meeting about your special mailing list. I recall that in visiting several persons and attempting to share materials with them, they stated they had already received this material from Southern Regional Council. I remember particularly when visiting Bishop Alfred C. Cole of the Upper diocese of South Carolina to invite him to become a member of SCCHR, that he stated he was in too delicate a situation to join in South Carolina, but maintained a close relationship with SRC and received all of your materials. I wrote to secure names and addresses of any persons in South Carolina who might subscribe to NEW SOUTH directly. His name was not on this list, and naturally I was baffled.

When a secretary can spare the time, I should like very much to have the names and addresses of persons in South Carolina who are on your special cultivation mailing list. It would be good, also, to have names and addresses of persons in South Carolina who subscribe directly for NEW SOUTH.

Appreciatively yours,

Alice N. Spearman cah
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

COPY — We are writing to all Negro College Pres. in S.C. — Ans.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1400 Main Street - Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

March 9, 1960

Dr. John Potts
Voorhees Junior College
Denmark, South Carolina

Attention: Dean Sherman Webster

Dear Dr. Potts:

For some time in South Carolina there has been considerable discussion and thought given to the matter of projecting a program of merit employment for Negroes. Naturally, persons being graduated from the schools and colleges have the alternative of seeking positions in South Carolina in line with their training or having to leave the state.

Our own observations have led us to the knowledge that there are already in South Carolina openings for Negroes which the supply is insufficient to fill. Many persons have raised the question as to whether the persons in the several colleges who are most responsible for planning the curriculum might like to get together under highly skilled and experienced leadership and discuss ~~ways whereby~~ the areas in which trained persons are apt to be needed and ways in which the colleges may more effectively attempt to give training in some of these areas to interested students.

In the light of the above background, I discussed the matter with Mr. Paul Rilling, Field Director of the Southern Regional Council who was the featured speaker at a meeting which the South Carolina Council on Human Relations held here in Columbia this past Sunday, March 6. The Southern Regional Council has a grant which enables it to employ the professional services of university professors, community development planners, human relations experts, law enforcement and school personnel involved in the school desegregation situations, et cetera. Mr. Rilling expressed the willingness to locate a person competent in the area of our interest and need and to make such a person available to a meeting of selected persons from the Negro colleges, if the interest in such colleges seems to warrant such professional service.

It was my thought that college personnel would be freer preferably in the latter part of April and not later than the early part of May. However, I hope that youwill feel free to express yourself fully, both as to time and place, and the idea as to a conference as set forth above. If you think consultant service through the Southern Regional Council would be more helpful in other areas, please inform me.

I am enclosing a clipping from THE STATE, which appeared in the March 7th issue. I shall welcome your comments.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.)Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/br

Encl

cc to: Mr. Paul Billing

March 10, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street, Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I very much enjoyed being with you and the South Carolina Council Sunday and Monday. It helped me a great deal to understand your problems and program direction. I hope we can do it again without waiting so long.

Everyone here was pleased that the South Carolina Council had spoken out as it did, considering the pressures of the situation. I hope you are mailing us a copy of the statement.

I have already started action on the several things you asked me to check on and hope to have word for you fairly soon.

Let us know if you see any possibility of mediation for the Consultant Service Program or SRC. Actually, before mediation can become a practical possibility, there has to be something to mediate. Most of the South Carolina demonstrations have been so spasmodic that there may not yet be a willingness on the part of business men and public officials to discuss the situation.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street - Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

March 15, 1960

Mr. Harold Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

I had a visit yesterday afternoon from a Mr. Pettigru -- or is it Pettigrew? -- of Harvard University. Unfortunately, I failed to get his full name. Won't you send it to me?

Sent 4/1/60

Mr. Pettigru told me that he will address the Southern Psychological Association in Atlanta on March 31. Perhaps New South may use some part of his address. Otherwise, if you secure a copy, won't you lend it to me?

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/br

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street - Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

March 15, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul Rilling:

Thank you so much for coming to us. I regret very much that the fine group who attended our meeting did not have the benefit of more thinking out loud with you. However, if we can work out a schedule this spring whereby you can visit local Councils, we shall be able to bring in people from nearby and do some real soul searching on program.

You were most helpful in planning with me ways of implementing ideas which we have been kicking around here.

Won't you feel free to make suggestions as to other types of programs we need to be developing. With our limited resources, we hesitate to launch too much at one time.

I shall enclose a few news items to keep you up to date on what little continues to move in the student sit-in effort. In line with your suggestion, I have written chairmen of local Councils. However, until, or unless, there is more activity, there will doubtless be no immediate need to make use of The Consultant Service.

I visited Orangeburg last week. The father of Dr. McPherson, Chairman of our Greenville Council is a highly respected citizen of Orangeburg. He is conferring with the Mayor concerning a possible get-together between city officials, Negro leaders and college students. I will keep you posted on developments.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

3-16-60 Further demonstrations after this was dictated yesterday. Will try to keep you posted.

ANS/br

March 22, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 605, 1400 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am enclosing a Nashville publication which carries a pretty thorough report of the Jim Lawson situation. Will Campbell assures me that this is accurate information.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street - Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

March 24, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Things have been popping here so rapidly that I have not yet begun last quarter's report. I hope to get it to you by the 31st.

Libby Ledeen told me that the next meeting of the Columbia Intercollegiate Student Group will meet on April 21. Because the students are eager to continue their discussion of the meaning and significance of student sit-in demonstrations, she feels that it would be most helpful to have you attend -- in checking my calendar I am aware of the conflict with the S.F.I.C. at Penn. However, if readjustments can be made, we shall notify you.

I have heard from 5 colleges indicating an interest in a curriculum development conference to be assisted by a consultant made available through The Consultants Service. As you and I thought, replies indicate a preference for the latter part of April. Won't you let me know what progress has been made through John Hope in locating a suitable consultant and on what alternate dates such a person may be available?

As soon as Harold's list of persons in South Carolina to whom he has material sent, can be made available, I should like to have it.

Is there a special list to whom Dr. Dunbar's L Reports are sent? If so, may I have the names and addresses of those persons who live in South Carolina to whom these reports are sent?

Do you have suggestions as to the best use of the L Reports sent us?

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Exeuctive Director

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THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1400 Main Street - Room 605
Columbia, S.C.

March 31, 1960

Called 4/1/60

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave.N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

This morning's mail has brought me a letter from Mr. Ira Kaye, Attorney, 102½ Main Street, Sumter, S.C., who had asked me to request an appointment with you some time within the next few days. He states that he has not heard from you and hopes very much that you may be able to give him an appointment quite soon. He will come to Atlanta if you are not be near nearer.

Mr. Kaye is a loyal mamber of the Sumter Council on Human Relations. It will be a favor to him and to us if you can arrage to give him an appointment. Won't you suggest one or two possible dates within the next few days?

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman per cah

(Mrs. Alice N. Spearman)
Executive Director

ANS/cah

March 31, 1960

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street, Rm. 605
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

With sincere apologies for the time it has taken, I have finally gotten around to spending some time with the S. C. Council's requests to Field and Schwarptshaupt.

Rather than attempting to offer any detailed criticism - of questionable value and from a very questionable authority - I would prefer sharing several impressions which seem to me to be basic.

(1) The requests are similar and essentially for the same purpose and I seriously question the wisdom of sending these to two foundations at once. There is always the chance that both would be approved and you would have quite an embarassing situation on your hands. Also, the world of foundations is rather small; boards overlap and foundation officials discuss requests. Chances for serious consideration from either might well be ruined if it came to light that the same request was made to two foundations at the same time.

(2) The requests, especially that to Field, might raise some doubts as to whether or not this was really a sly way of getting grants for the S. C. Council for its regular program. Any future requests, of this "project" nature might well make it very clear that such is not the case.

(3) Where other organizations are involved, such as the S. C., NAACP in this case, it might be well to have a letter of endorsement for the project from the involved

organizations. This would tend to greatly strengthen the requests and erase any doubt that "competing" forces were at work.

(4) Our Northern friends are far removed from the deep South and, even at the risk of too long a request, considerable attention should be given to the matter of interpretation of why, for instance, instead of a glamorous interracial project, communication among Negro groups is important.

(5) Such very worthwhile "projects" as you describe in the requests are very logical functions of the S. C. Council and in this and other ways the Council has a great deal to "sell." Therefore, I see no reason why requests, if a foundation seems responsive to any requests, should not be for general support or for a portion of the on-going program, albeit called a project. Your requests essentially are for the S. C. Coordinating Council although the checks would be made out to the Human Relations Council. It might be better that they be, in the minds of the donors, for the Human Relations Council and that donors get in the habit of giving to the right Council. Future grants for this and other programs might come easier in that way.

Finally, an offer of help. In the future, when it seems appropriate for you to prepare a request, perhaps you could outline your needs and thinking with Paul Rilling when he is visiting with you. Thereafter, we would be happy to work out a first draft for your consideration. I am sure Rilling would be happy to lend himself to this arrangement. It is doubtful that we can add any magic touch, but if you feel it would be of value, we are more than willing to try.

Best,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street - Room 605
Columbia, S.C.

February 24, 1960

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Atten: Mr. Paul Rilling

We missed you very much at our recent meeting and trust you have entirely recovered from your attack of flu.

We are sorry we are not to have a chance to talk with you about the best way to draft requests to present to foundations. Courtney tells me that you are full of wisdom on this subject.

I have sent or left with Paul Rilling our first feeble attempt, on which I have criticisms myself. The ones to Schwartzhaupt and to Field both followed lengthy conversations. Mr. Hahn at Field said that a letter would be entirely adequate.

In spite of my talk with Tjierendsen, my proposal needs further elaboration, I am sure, since he is unfamiliar with the South Carolina scene. The program I outlined sounds much more formal, of course, than we hope to engage in.

I have heard nothing from Mr. Tjierendsen; however, he advised me that it would probably be May before his Board would be able to consider it. Would you advise that I write Mr. Tjierendsen and send him supplementary material?

Since Paul Rilling will be visiting us on March 6th and 7th, you may wish to elaborate upon your ideas for us through him.

The entire SRC staff was very good to us in every way. I shall appreciate your expressing to Mrs. Alexander, Paul Rilling's secretary and others our appreciation of their many kindnesses.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

Date 4/1/60

To: PA, LWD From: HCF

Subject: Visit from Mr. Ira Kaye (see attached)

I called Alice this morning and told her I'd be glad to see Mr. Kaye next week, jury duty permitting. She thinks he'd like to come Monday, probably in the afternoon. In the unlikely event I am selected for a jury and don't get back to the office Monday afternoon, will one of you talk with the man. It's impossible to tell what he wants exactly, but maybe we can advise him.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street - Room 605
Columbia, S.C.

March 23, 1960

Mr. Harold Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Altanta, Ga.

Dear Harold:

Mr. Ira Kaye, 102½ N. Main St., Sumter, S.C., an attorney and valuable member of the Sumter Council on Human Relations, has an important school placement matter which he wishes to discuss with you in person. He phoned me this morning, stating that he will go to Atlanta if necessary, but would like to meet you at a closer point if you will be nearer any time between now and the first week in April.

Mr. Kaye states that should it be necessary for him to go to Atlanta, that he will appreciate hearing directly from you, suggesting alternate dated between March 31st and April 5th or 6th-- the earlier the better.

Mr. Kaye states that the school placement matter does not involve a Negro, but is of related concern. As you know, there are both Turks and Indians living in that part of South Carolina.

I hope that it will be possible for you togive Mr. Kaye an appointment and that you will communicate with him directly.

Appreciatively,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs. Alice N. Spearman)
Executive Director

ANS/cah

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street - Room 605
Columbia, S.C.

April 2, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

As a member of the nominating committee for Penn, I have been asked tp present some biographical notes about one Paul Rilling, whom I have suggested as a member of the program advisory committee. Please let me have these at your earliest convenience.

The Beaufort and Jasper-Hampton Councils want to meet in Beaufort either at the Penn School or at the Mather Academy during the week of April 18th through the 22nd. I am writing today to find out if they are flexible as to the date. We felt that the Council would be happy to meet both you and John Youngblut.

Are you planning to attend the Jean Fairfax's meeting with John Youngblut on the night of the 20th?

Would you be available to speak to the Human Relations Councils on Tuesday night, April 19th or on Friday night, April 22nd?

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs. Alice N. Spearman)
Executive Director

ANS.cah

April 5, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 605, 1400 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am enclosing biographical data for the purpose you suggest.

I will be attending Jean Fairfax's meeting on the night of April 20. It would be rather difficult for me to get down to Penn as early as the 19th, but I believe I could stay over and speak to the groups Friday night the 22nd. There may be a Washington meeting that week-end that I will need to attend, but if so, I can go over on Saturday.

As to the matter of a voting survey in Orangeburg, I have passed your letter on to Les Dunbar and suggested that he communicate with you about the best way to handle this. He indicated that he would be most interested in cooperating with such a survey, but that he was somewhat concerned about his travel schedule.

I have been in touch with John Hope concerning the curriculum development conference. He has several fine people in mind but feels he needs more details on the conference before he can line up the personnel. He needs to know such things as how many will be in attendance, whether the focus will be exclusively on the needs of the students in South Carolina or on a broader potential field of employment, etc. I am suggesting again that this could be speeded up by having John communicate directly with you and perhaps come to Columbia in the near future to complete the planning. I am writing John today and suggesting that

he call you about this.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Inter-agency Meeting at Penn.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
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DEPARTMENT

April 11, 1960

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street, Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

In answer to your questions concerning NEW SOUTH subscriptions, we do not drop state council members who automatically subscribe to NEW SOUTH until three months following the expiration date. The South Carolina Council falls into this category.

In answer to your second question, if a subscription is paid prior to expiration date, we would mark the record to give the subscriber credit for a year's subscription dating from the expiration date.

As to Miss Simpson, our records show that her subscription expired in August, 1959. Although she renewed in December, the record did not reach us until mid-January. Since the payment check did not reach us until much later, the names of those subscribers were not posted immediately. Miss Simpson's name has been returned to our files, and she has been sent issues she missed since her renewal.

As to Mr. Secrest's article, reprints are not available; but we can let you have a limited number of copies of NEW SOUTH at 10 cents per copy.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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J.C

Rec'd 4/11/60

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street - Room 605
Columbia, S.C.

April 8, 1960

Mrs. Ruth Alexander
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

We have been working with our NEW SOUTH subscription file and there is a question which has arisen to which I would like to have your answer. It seems almost impossible to get people to renew their subscriptions on the annual due date.

I understand that persons who are delinquent receive NEW SOUTH for three months, are then sent a reminder by you and dropped if they do not respond.

What happens when a person pays his membership early? For example, Dr. Ray W. Rutledge, Clemson College, S.C. has his due date in May. This year he paid his dues in January. Do you have a system whereby you project his NEW SOUTH dues to May, 61?

From time to time we have persons tell us that there are lapses in receipt of NEW SOUTH, and I have wondered if this may account for same.

Miss Ethel Simpson, 126 Capers St., Greenville, S.C. renewed her membership in December, 1959 and has recently sent a contribution with a note that she has had a lapse in receiving NEW SOUTH subscription. In checking our December subscription list, I find that her name was listed. I trust that whatever error may have occurred can be rectified.

Appreciatively,

Alice N. Spearman cah
(Mrs. Alice N. Spearman)
Executive Director

ANS/cah

PR - This got lost in the shuffle & just turned up. HCF

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street - Room 605
Columbia, S.C.

April 11th, 1960

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Harold:

Thank you very much for sending me copy of Tom Pettigrew's address. I am enclosing a copy of clippings from the NEWS & COURIER which I believe will interest you.

We have a committee working on revision of our by-laws. Dan Bowers has written me that he understands that SRC may make certain by-laws changes. Is there any information which our committee should have from you before proceeding?

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs. Alice N. Spearman)
Executive Director

ANS/cah

April 14, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 605, 1400 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

This is in the event that I continue to fail to reach you by telephone. Yesterday when I called, they said the phone was out of order, and today I get no answer at all. I fear you have had to go into hiding!

I was trying to let you know that Paul cannot speak in South Carolina for your meeting next weekend. He has to go to Washington for that meeting of student government officials called by the National Student Association. He is out of town at the moment, but said to tell you he will be willing to make a special trip at another time, for he does feel your meeting to be a very worthwhile one. Please let him know if this could be arranged.

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller

April 28, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 605, 1400 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

This will belatedly acknowledge your recent quarterly report which we found most helpful and encouraging. I am glad that the Columbia student group is moving along nicely and do hope I can meet with it sometime. Perhaps the Rock Hill student group can pick up a little steam with the beginning of the fall semester.

The Negro college seminar is in progress even now and I do hope that it proves to be useful and worth your organizational efforts.

I have been rather worried about the long-range impact of the sit-in demonstrations in the hard core states. I am encouraged by your information that the Council generally has responded well in the various localities without any excessive loss of white support or membership.

The word of a reprimand to Major Williams concerning the activities of his wife in behalf of equal justice is rather shocking. Be sure and let us know if anything specifically is done along this line. I believe that all kinds of representations up the line would be possible in such a case.

You indicate that you have located a number of young veterans and others over 21 who are interested in the voting and registration campaign. Is it your plan to use

this manpower in such an effort?

Congratulations on the recent favorable action of the Field Foundation concerning your application. This should make it possible for you to expand your efforts in several constructive directions.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

C O P Y

REQUEST TO THE SCHWARTZHAUPT FOUNDATION
From
THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
Columbia, South Carolina

Background

The S. C. Coordinating Council of Negro Leaders, to be referred to hereafter as the Council, was organized in October 1958 as an outgrowth of a Leaders' Conference financed by the Emil Schwartzhaupt Foundation, Inc., and held at the Penn Conference Center, Frogmore, S. C. It is composed of interested individuals and key persons from Negro opinion-forming lay organizations.

The attainment of first- class citizenship for Negroes is the fundamental goal of the Council. Several N egro organizations have a program focus on registration and voting. However, reports indicate that results of their efforts are disappointing due seemingly to insufficient motivation.

The May 17, 1954 U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Segregation in the Public Schools, to be referred to hereafter as the Supreme Court Ruling, and petitions presented shortly thereafter by Negro pupils for admission to public schools open to white children drew sharp battle lines, not only between the races, Negro and white, but within the races. Most communication between and within these groups ceased.

The legal stalemate in the Clarendon County Case, one of the original five suits which lead to the U.S. Supreme Court Ruling, has not been broken since the case was last heard before a panel of three federal judges at Columbia, S. C. on July 15, 1955. No other suits have been brought in South Carolina to test the Supreme Court Ruling.

The Council, which met six times in 1958-59, is trying to set in motion again those forces which were working for democratic advances in South Carolina prior to May 17, 1954. The need for strengthening and uniting the Negro potential is very real.

Proposal

It is proposed that the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, under the direction of the Council and with the assistance of qualified professional personnel, continue its program of coordination of the Negro opinion-forming organizations and individuals; expand and improve the in-service training of leaders; step up the activity of leadership recruitment; and focus primarily upon study and action programs in citizenship education.

Under this proposal the South Carolina Council on Human Relations would be the secretariat for the Council and provide liaison and consultative and field work services when possible. Meetings of members of the Council and qualified recruits would be held in Columbia, S. C. eight to ten times during the year, probably on a monthly basis. If a meeting of longer duration is needed, the facilities of the Penn Conference Center, Frogmore, S. C. could be used.

The attached Program Outline indicates areas of felt need identified in Council meetings and in the Workshop on Citizenship held at the Penn Conference Center, Frogmore, S. C., June 20 and 21, 1959. (This Workshop was financed by the Emil Schwartzhaupt Foundation, Inc.) It is proposed that monthly meetings focus upon planning next steps in a state-wide coordinated program of citizenship activity, and that leadership and social action techniques be developed as needed.

A very real stumbling block to the effectiveness of the Council is the lack of financial resources of the members, which accounted for the large turnover in attendance at the six meetings held in 1958-1959. An amount to cover cost of travel expense and meals is needed.

Therefore the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, which has been a tax-exempt organization since December 1957, hereby requests a grant of $5,000.00 for the promotion of the program outlined above.

<u>Budget</u>

10 meals, one a month @ $1.00 for 30 persons for 30 persons	$ 300.00
10 trips, one a month, averaging $10.00 each for 30 persons	3,000.00
Expense of program leaders (speaker, consultant)	250.00
Cost of preparation and distribution of materials	1,000.00
Other costs (Administrative, travel, etc.)	450.00
TOTAL	$5,000.00

PROGRAM OUTLINE

LEADERSHIP TRAINING - Prior to the Supreme Court Ruling, Negroes in South Carolina relied heavily upon teachers, preacher, and other Negro professionals. The 'resistance movement' has created a climate in which their leadership is stymied. There are few Negro professionals working with Negro lay organizations. Power struggles are taking place between older and younger leaders of lay organizations, partly because the former have often been 'sole players' and have remained in office too long.

1. A democratic concept of leadership is needed.

2. Non-directive counselling is being asked for to help overcome emotional conditioning - internal conflicts and other psychological inadequacies - developed as a result of living in a segregated society.

3. The psychology of approach to individuals - how to draw them out in interviews, in group discussions, etc., so that they will be interested and alert, and then active.

4. Interpersonal action - how to function effectively in what the psychologists are calling "small groups".

5. Group dynamics. Principles and techniques of collective behavior and of ways to influence it.

CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION AND ACTION

1. Clearing house of fact and action. Enough will be known if awareness is pooled and experience shared.

2. Study and action programs. Coordination and use of resources and participation in civic and political life will provide motivation for registration programs and will promote the acceptance of other citizenship rights and responsibilities.

3. Basic understanding of the South in transition. Perspective in time and space is needed, together with practice in analyzing situations and trends, and for developing useful strategems.

4. Understanding of the immediate situation in the particular locale - in terms of course of number 3 (above).

GOALS TOWARD WHICH GROUND WORK WILL BE LAID

1. Information and program service to the interested public and to the opinion-forming lay organizations to which members of the Council belong. Preparation and mass distribution of materials needed. Editorial policies of most newspapers in South Carolina are negatively oriented, if not outright hostile in the present crisis situation. There are no adequate media for getting needed facts, insights, etc.

2. Preparation of voters' handbooks and/or legislative manuals for every county in South Carolina for use at the 'grass roots' level. Maps, charts, grafts, drawings and simple language recommended.

3. A pilot project to be developed with one of the important mass organizations to be selected on the basis of carefully determined criteria.

4. A pilot project adapted to community or county level in a carefully selected place which would strengthen and unify the Negro citizenship potential there.

5. Stimulating support from foundations, units of local, state and federal governments to foster a large scale program of economic self help, of citizenship education and of functional adult education in the 'backward areas' of South Carolina.

November 8, 1959

By (Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
S.C. Council on Human Relations

May 12, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street, Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I know of no plans for immediate revision of SRC By-laws. The Internal Revenue people upon reaffirming our tax-exempt status did indicate that some of our purposes, etc. were somewhat out of line with the letter of the law but that they would raise no further question about them at this time in view of the considerable period that the Council has had tax-exemption under this same charter. I think this need not concern the South Carolina Council except that it might be wise for you to make sure that the statement of purpose emphasizes the educational nature of the SCHR.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

Dear Paul Rilling,

Your official communique arrived this A.M. I hasten to say: YOU'D better have one grand time and forget us and all we're trying to do.

However, since you asked for it-- that is suggested that we clear up any loose ends before you leave so that Mrs. Smith will be completely in the know-- I'm hastening to ask that you tell her what you told me when I asked about the pledges counting toward our matching allotments; namely, that they'd count.

I'm hoping and believe that we shall have our $3,500.00 in the bank by June 1st. However, our people have been struck by the emergency need of putting up bail, paying fines etc. so that payment on some of the pledges has been slow. I believe that they will be paid--- certainly most of them.

We are within $336.26 of our goal and have considerably more than that out in pledges. However, if we should not have quite all in hand, I just wanted to make sure that Mrs. Smith would have your approval to act on the basis of the pledges.

Have a wonderful time--- and thanks for a good job at the Penn Conference this past weekend.

Yours hastily,

Ella D. Spearman

5/16/60

May 23, 1960

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street, Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Again we have sent materials to Miss Simpson, and Miss Simpson is listed on our NEW SOUTH subscription list. I have also written her a letter telling her that we are placing her name on our L-Report list so she will receive these reports plus other materials.

Bill and I will probably go to Penn Community Center the first portion of June, that is the present plan. Perhaps you may be paying Penn a visit around then and we can have a visit.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street Room 605
Columbia, S.C.

May 17, 1960

Dear John Constable,

Just a quickie. Ethel Simpson has written me again saying, " I still have not received any of the Southern Regional Bulletins -- or New South. Did not get them last year either. I really would like to have them for can use. Should I wrote SRC? "

Her first communication merely said that she hadn't received since her last payment, which at that time was in December. Because she did not renew last August, which was her due date, it is possible that one of her payments to us as a contribution did not place an order for New South as it should have. I've had a hard time with the turn over of Negro secretaries. I don't doubt that the fault lies here. However, you and I are not interested in placing blame except as it may help us to close any gaps in our procedures, I'm sure.

The big thing is to get to Miss Simpson at 126 Capers Street, Greenville, S.C. as many of the back issues of NEW SOUTH as we can, and also a copy of any bulletin, report etc that may have gone to members and/or N.S. subscribers. Please let me know what you are sending her so that I can fill in from our files, if possible.

Harold or Paul will have told you that Penn is quite changed, but that progress is being made it clearing the debris, and the sun is reaching the ground better than ever. When do you plan to go there on vacation? People were in swimming at Hunting Is; and last Sunday morning. Was I tempted(

With sincere appreciation for any amends which we can make to Miss Simpson,

Cordially,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman

Miss Simpson is YWCA exec. dir. and a grand person. She could use to advantage one copy of any free material you may still have for distribution. A.

June 7, 1960

Mrs. Alice Spearman, Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 605, 1400 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, the copies of the reprint of the Human Appeal which you requested from the N.S.A. There is no charge.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

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SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN REGATIONS
1400 Main Street - Room 605
Columbia, S.C.

March 30, 1960

Mr. John Constable, Dir. of Inf.
New South
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave.,N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Constable:

Is it possible for us to secure up to 1000 re-prints of "Moderation is Key to South's Dilemma" by A.M. Secrest in the February, 1960 NEW SOUTH? If it is too late to secure these re-prints, could you let us have at a bargain price a number of extra copies of the February issue? Please advise the price for these in case we cannot secure the re-prints.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs. Alice N. Spearman)
Executive Director

ANS/cah

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Thirteen Thirty Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

July 11, 1960

Dear Paul:

I have just returned from Gould Farm near Great Barrington, Mass., where I spent about ten days. Neil Tarpee directed an informal conference, which was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Dabbs and several other South Carolinians.

If you have not already returned, I presume that you will be back in harness soon.

I hope to spend the next few weeks primarily in making plans for the implementation of projects for which we have received small grants from both the Field and Schwartzhaupt Foundations. Doubtless I shall be seeking your advice and thinking.

I am glad that we shall see you in person at Penn for the second meeting of the Rural Study Group. It may be that you could spare us a day either before of after that meeting, if we have not ironed things out through correspondence. Because I know it takes considerable time to arrange for use of the SCR Consultant Service, I am writing you to remind you of the note I wrote you at Penn in May, to inquire as to whether or not you would approve of a workshop in which you and Ira Reid would give leadership. I have not refined my thinking about this; however, I think that such a workshop would make an excellent springboard into stepped-up participation by Negroes in the many aspects of political life at local and state levels. Won't you send along any ideas you may have? Do you think it is feasible that which a workshop might be scheduled for September? We shall appreciate your contacting John Hope about this, so that we may set the date as early as seems feasible?

We are glad that you are back. With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs. Alice N. Spearman)
Executive Director

ANS/cah

O.K.

PS I am very proud that we earned the additional $1,500 of the anonymous grant. I outlined in the quarterly report the problem at 1400 Main street. Since July 1st we have been located at 1330 Laurel Street. It will be helpful ifnthis new address can be given persons in the various departments at SCR. Thanks.
ANS

July 13, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Congratulations on the success of your recent financial drive. Meeting your goal was no easy effort considering the present climate in South Carolina.

Let me know if I can help in working out follow-up plans in the area of economic opportunities in line with the recent college conference, etc. How is the voter survey by the professor in Orangeburg coming along?

I am glad to see the SCCHR keeping in close touch with the State Advisory Commission. I think there are some real opportunities for these state groups to play increasingly significant roles in the years ahead.

I am sorry to hear about your being displaced from your office. I am afraid that this sort of thing is part of the hazard of our trade. You will remember that Bob Hughes had a similar experience several years ago.

Let me know how we can help you here. Perhaps you and I should get together again some time soon for a general planning discussion.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

DUKE UNIVERSITY

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Thirteen Thirty Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

July 16, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your recent letter.

Courtney Siceloff writes me that you will will be at Penn Center this week-end. I am glad. I am driving Mr. Dabbs down with me late Friday afternoon and don't know yet how he plans to return. If I do not have to take them, it would be helpful and fun, too, if we might stay over another day, get in a good swim and some too talks. We shall see.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs. Alice N. Spearman)
Executive Director

ANS/cah

July 18, 1960

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I'm looking forward to seeing you this weekend and hope that we can just arbitrarily take an hour or two, or more, to separate ourselves from the others and go over some of the concerns of the South Carolina Council.

I will not be returning to Atlanta until early Sunday morning, so that if the meeting ends with supper Saturday evening we should have a good opportunity to talk Saturday night. I would prefer not to stay over Sunday. I have a very heavy schedule including several speeches the week of the 25th and will need to get home as early as possible Sunday to get things in order. If we need additional time, I can plan to come over sometime in early August. I believe I could definitely take a day either before or after the August 19-21 consultation if that seems necessary.

I hate to admit it, but I'm afraid that I cannot remember the proposed workshop you suggest involving

Ira Reid and me. I will just have to confess a lapse of memory on this and we will try to pin it down this weekend.

It will be good to see you again.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/mf

DAMERON PAPERS

P.R.

The form 990A referred to in the attached is normal procedure. Obviously by accident the SCCHR was given a governmental type clearance - good only for publicly supported organizations. We - SRC - have always been required to file this form, the Georgia Council does, and no doubt all the state councils do or will be required to do so.

Alice should simple be advised to have her auditor prepare the form - and send it in along with an audit from the SCCHR.

(COPY)

U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT
Internal Revenue Service
District Director
901 Sumter Street
Drawer R
Columbia 1, South Carolina

July 19, 1960

The S.C. Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, S.C.

Gentlemen:

In a letter dated December 27, 1957, this office held you to be exempt from Federal income tax under the provisions of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code on the grounds that you were organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes. In that letter it was also held that it would not be necessary for you to file the annual return of information , Form 990-A, on the grounds that you come within the specific exemption contained in section 6033 (a) of the Code.

Upon review of your file it has been determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization organized and operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes. It has further been determined that you do not come within the specific provisions of section 6033 (a) of the Code since (1) you are not an educational organization within the meaning of section 6033 (a) (2) of the Code or, (2) a charitable organization within the meaning of section 6033 (a) (3) since such an organization must be supported, in whole or in part by funds contributed by the United States or any State or political subdivision thereof, or is primarily supported by contributions of the general public. According to information in this office your income was derived from membership dues and subscriptions to a periodical. Such income is not considered to represent contributions of the general public.

In view of the foregoing you will be required to file an information return form 990-A, annually, with this office so long as this exemption remains in effect. This form may be obtained from this office and is required to be filed on or before the 15th day of the 5th month following the close of your annual accounting period.

The S.C. Council on Human Relations July 19, 1960

Our letter to you dated December 27, 1957, is hereby modified to the above extent.

If you do not agree with the foregoing, you should, within thirty days from the date of this letter, advise us accordingly, stating your reasons for not agreeing. If no reply is received within the thirty day period, it will be concluded that you accept the modifications of your determination letter stated above.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM M. LUMB
Chief, Audit Division

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Thirteen Thirty Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

July 27, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter concerning modifications in our tax exempt status, about which I told you at Penn.

I shall be glad to have you discuss this with Harold and Mr. Haas and to have your advice.

You will note that we should act promptly in this matter, due to the thirty day limitation from July 19th. The letter was not received in this office until July 22nd.

As I wrote you recently, I am using limited fringe time for tentative program plans to be carried out finally with foundation grant funds. I am hoping that you may be able to work out with John Hope a workshop for which you and Ira Reid would serve as consultants. This workshop would involve, hopefully, community leaders and college political science faculty. As we budget our funds we shall need to know whether the consultant service will provide leadership. In that case, we shall need to budget travel and living expenses only.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs. Alice N. Spearman)
Executive Director

ANS/cah

August 3, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

The letter of July 19 which you received from the Treasury Department is quite in accord with our experience. The Southern Regional Council and the other state Councils are required to file Form 990-A referred to, annually. The normal procedure is to have your auditor prepare the form and send it in along with your annual audit.

You were originally given a governmental-type clearance, good only for publicly supported organizations, obviously by mistake. I think you have no choice but to accept the modifications stated in the letter.

Concerning the proposed workshop which would involve Ira Reid and me, would you please prepare an outline or brief prospectus which I can send on to John Hope for consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Thirteen Thirty Laurel Street No. 8
Columbia, South Carolina

September 12, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
Room 201 - 5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

I shall be glad to make an appointment with Dr. H. M. Manning, President of Claflin College, at your earliest convenience. Upon continued reflection, I have decided that there would be more value in having the research person based in Columbia, because of its central location and readier access to key persons and sources of available information. While the administration at Benedict College in Columbia is possibly less democratic and progressive than that of Claflin, I feel sure that Dr. J. A. Bacoats, President of Benedict, who is a member of our board, would be cooperative in this matter.

At the follow-up meeting of the SRC Consultant Workshop on Education and Employment, the persons who were participating stated their opinion that social science departments in each of the colleges would be willing to participate in a study similar to A SECOND LOOK AT ATLANTA . They recommended that each college be encouraged to focus on one area, both as a method of getting more accomplished and also as a way of avoiding likely undesirable competition.

Obviously, the expanded idea advanced at the last Rural Study Conference will greatly strengthen the initial resolve of persons who had previously the need for fact finding. The employment of a person trained in research to work with the Negro college social science departments will serve many useful ends, the most important of which, perhaps, is to assure that the job would be done.

I mention all of this by way of saying that I believe that it is important for us to tie in the plan advanced by the Rural Study Conference with the preliminary thinking and interest outlined above.

Because it will take some time to draw up a proposal and get foundations support, I am hoping that it may be possible to refine our ideas more fully in a workshop, hopefully one to be provided through SRC Consultant Service. I have mentioned the desire for such a workshop to you several times. The last time I mentioned it, you wrote and suggested that I outline to you more fully our ideas. I am doing this and enclosing it in this letter.

I shall be attending the Penn Board meeting at Frogmore on October 8. If you are to be there at that time, perhaps we can talk about this more fully. Meantime, won't you consult John Hope as to his willingness to arrange for the workshop leadership and get his suggestions as to dates?

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

Enclosure delayed
ANS/cah 9-14-60

Anything any of us can do for Bob Hughes?

Dear John,

Just a quickie! Ira Kaye has just 'phoned to say that you did not turn up today. I fear that I misunderstood Paul. I had quoted Paul to Kaye that you would be there today. Kaye says the School Board gave him such a rough time last night thathe finally had to walk out, which he did, but not until he had succeeded in getting into the record what he wanted to.

Please plan to go to Sumter the first day next week that you possibly can. Kaye wants you there on a school day so that you can see the school in operation. Obviously, you would need to be there during school hours.

Let me hear if there is any way we can help.

Appreciatively,

Odie D. Spearman

9-16-60

September 21, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We have been in communication with Bill Bagwell yesterday and today, and I understand he has also been in touch with you. He has found that his schedule is quite crowded and he could not relate to the Sumter situation except possibly for a visit on Saturday. With Bill's agreement, we have gone ahead with plans to send as a consultant Dr. Kenneth Morland, specialist in community relations and chairman of the Sociology Department at Randolph Macon Woman's College.

Dr. Morland was willing to go to Sumter this Thursday, September 22, but when we called Mr. Kay to let him know, he indicated that he would not be able to see him on Thursday because of a religious holiday. We have put Dr. Morland in direct contact with Mr. Kay and presume they will make their own arrangements. I am sorry this got so complicated.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Thirteen Thirty Laurel Street No. 8
Columbia, South Carolina

October 1, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street N.W. Room 201
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul Rilling:

I am distressed to know that the legal costs involved with Bob Hughes' defense will run to approximately $7,000. We have recently sent out a letter from Mr. Dabbs, a copy of which I showed you at Penn. Therefore, I doubt the wisdom of our sending another one at just this time. However, I shall gladly mention this to board members most likely to contribute. I, myself, will make a small contribution a little later. This appeal catches me only a few steps in front of the sheriff.

If you think that it would help to route funds ear-marked for South Carolina and our share of the general Field grant to be paid this fall, to Alabama for this crisis, it is possible that our executive committee would be willing to agree with this, with the understanding that we would get this amount returned at the beginning of the next quarter, by withholding the Alabama payments and replacing our advance to them. Your response by mail, if you would like me to poll the executive committee. Otherwise, we can discuss this when I see you at Penn on October 8th.

My quarterly report for June-July-August is in the hands of the Secretary and you will receive it on Monday, I am sure. Your nice little memos. of recent date have had me stumped, because I had before me your memo. of September 2, 1959, in which you gave September 30 as the date. I am afraid I have had that in the back of my mind and have used that date ever since. You have been mighty good not to have called my hand about it sooner.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

October 4, 1960

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

In regard to your questions of reporting for the Field Foundation, we will be happy to assist in any way. Regarding the narrative report, I would suggest that you prepare a draft of the report well in advance -- keeping it relatively brief -- and send it to Paul Rilling. I have spoken to Paul about this and he will see to it that several of us here have an opportunity to read it and make suggestions. This would probably be the best way to use any knowledge we have of reporting to Mr. Hahn.

As to finances, by all means consult an auditor and set up a normal accounting procedure. This is quite difficult to do after spending has begun. All that is called for would be a normal audit of the six month period, but in this your books and the final audit should be handled by an accountant. It also sounds, under the circumstances, as if this accounting should be handled separately from the SCCHR accounting and audit.

Please feel free to call on us at any time.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Thirteen Thirty Laurel Street No. 8

COLUMBIA, S. C.

September 25, 1960

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St., Room 201
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Anthony:

I have never adequately thanked you for the excellent and helpful criticism of the two proposals which you made to the Field and Schwartzhaupt foundations. I felt your points were well taken and shall profit by them.

Mr. Maxwell Hahn of the Field Foundation has asked that we make a narrative report and a detailed financial report to him at the end of a six month period, after receiving his grant of $3,500. I plan to discuss this matter with an auditor. However, realizing that you and SRC have had considerable experience with the Field Foundation, I am sure I shall need detailed advice feom you. The sooner you can send it, the better, because we are beginning to use this money and want to use the best accounting system.

Appreciatively,

Alice N. Spearman
Percah

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

October 4, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

You will be happy to learn that it now appears that Bob's costs will run to only a little over $5,000.

With the extra Field Foundation funds which you also have received by now, the Alabama Council feels that it can get through the year all right. It prefers to take care of the legal costs through special contributions. Your offer to advance the money is much appreciated, but probably will not be necessary.

You certainly should not feel obliged to mail out any appeal if it seems contrary to your own evaluation of the South Carolina situation. Just do what you think best in your own way to raise any funds that might be available in the state. I do think that all state Councils should feel some sense of involvement in the dilemma of the Alabama Council. After all, it could happen to any of the rest of us next week.

It now appears that I will be on a fairly tight schedule this coming Friday and Saturday and will not be able to spend a day in your office as I had originally hoped. We do need to talk about who should make what approach to which college president when concerning the Penn recommendations. My own inclination would be to send a copy of the full report to the person we think the most appropriate and then follow up with a personal visit in a week or two. I will be happy to make a special trip for this purpose and to spend some time with you concerning general programming.

We will hash it over this week-end.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

October 6, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

John Constable has just given me your letter requesting additional copies of Vivian Henderson's report on employment opportunities for Negroes in Nashville. Paul Rilling requested a few copies of this report from John Hope, and all of these we have distributed to state groups. I suggest that if you need them in quantity, you write directly to him.

John is sending you the additional copies of the editorial you requested.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timothy Miller
secretary to Paul Rilling

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

October 10, 1960

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsythe Street, N.W.
Room 201
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul Anthony:

Marion Wright advises that I write you for biographical data and his cut for use in publicity and in introducing him at the time of meetings we will hold and in which he will participate on November 1.

In anticipation of your usual prompt cooperation, I am

Cordially yours,

Alice

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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Sent 10/13/60
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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Thirteen Thirty Laurel Street No. 8
Columbia, South Carolina

October 12, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W. - Room 201
Atla nta, Ga. (3)

Dear Paul:

Under separate cover I am sending an announcement of meetings on November 1st. We shall, of course, be delighted to have you attend. On the other hand, as I told you at Penn, we prefer to have you work with us in as many of the following programs as possible— programs in which we hope you may take an active leadership role.

I am listing briefly and tentatively the meetings we have in mind. The order in which these may be held will be dependent upon a number of factors, an important one of which will be your own availability:

1. STUDENTS. Libby Ledeen hopes that the bi-racial student group in Columbia, and students who are Columbia residents attending colleges outside of Columbia but in South Carolina, will cooperate in calling a statewide bi-racial student meeting, possibly early in the second semester. All of us feel that you would make a fine speaker.

2. RESEARCH. As I wrote you, there is interest in research as a basis for social planning. Dr. Gomillion told me that with a Dr. Lewis Jones this would make an excellent team and he would be willing and glad to work with science faculty and community leaders in a SRC consultant workshop, if it could be arranged through you. Such a meeting would build on previous activities and help further to create readin ess for the foundation supported research project which the rural study repo rt recommends.

Courtney wrote me prior to the Penn board meeting, suggesting that you, Marion Wright, he and I work on a proposal and accompanying budget on the morning of November 2nd. If this proposed plan is still favored by him, doubtless you will hear from him directly.

3. CITIZENSHIP. Since the Schwartzhaupt Foundation is primarily interested in citizenship and your specialization is political science, we would like to have you meet with political science faculty and community leaders, to offer suggestions and guidance for programs and projects to be financed through the grant from this foundation.

4. COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING. Local Councils on Human Relations need to improve their programs. I believe that we should bring program chairmen and other interested individuals together to offer them motivation and assistance. No plans developed. Your suggestions needed.

5. COMMUNITY UNITY. Most urban communities in South Carolina show considerable disunity within the Negro community. Leaders talk frankly with me about the

resulting problems. Inadvisable to schedule a workshop in any community unless the psychological moment for the suggestion presents itself. However, if SRC will tentatively approve use of Mr. J. H. Wheeler, Mechanics and Farmer Bank, or J.S. Stewart, Mutual Savings and Loan Association, both of Durham, N.C. and both of whom served as President of the Durham Committee on National Affairs, we should be glad to make arrangements with them directly or through you.

Yours response please.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

October 13, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for your recent quarterly report. I am sorry that I managed to confuse everyone this time concerning the due dates for the reports.

I was most interested in the apprenticeship program under Dr. Elmore Martin in Columbia. This sounds like an excellent contribution in the employment field.

I see quite clearly by your report the need for tying in the interest that social science departments have already shown with the research project more lately suggested. I hope this can be effectively resolved. I would assume, however, that for the time being the Board of the Penn Center has taken over the fund-raising end and we have no immediate obligations in connection with this research effort.

As soon as you can, give me some indication as to how effective the voter registration effort has been in the state this summer and fall and what contribution the SCEF team has made.

The discharge of Simon Buie's mother seems to be a completely unfair punitive action. I would hope that this could be given some publicity and that perhaps the Council could be involved in helping Mrs. Buie locate another position. Has the Palmetto Teachers' Association been involved?

As always, your report represents an almost incredible variety of efforts across a broad front.

Let me know if you have been able to do anything in behalf of Bob Hughes.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

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P.R.

October 19, 1960

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Paul Rilling is out of the office, so in the interest of time I respond to your letter of the 17th.

I don't think you have any problem on timing. That is, the general period of six months is very important, but certainly not the precise calendar period. It would seem to me appropriate for you to write Mr. Hahn saying that he will receive your first report shortly. You might also mention that you hope to include your November 1 meeting since that meeting is very much a part of the program. Please get your draft to us as soon as possible; for time is something of a factor and we would like to have it here in the office for a few days.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

Monday the seventeenth PA.

Dear Paul Rilling,

Just a quickie.....

At Courtney's suggestion, I wrote Paul Anthony concerning our relations with the foundations. He replied that it would be well for me to make a draft of my first six-month interval report as early as possible, mail it to you, and that all of you would give me the benefit of what you know about reporting to the Field Foundation. (Schwartzhaupt didn't ask for a six-month report and I received that grant about 2 months later than the one from Field.) This I plan to do. However, my schedule is still quite tight as you may well imagine with the 3 workshops and the public meeting as well as the annual membership business session coming up on November 1. (Meantime, we're putting on a workshop on Oct. 22 in leadership training for Negro women).

With a jolt I find that Mr. Hahn sent me the check for $3,500.00 on April 22 and I acknowledged receipt of it on April 25. Numerous developments slowed us down in activating programs and projects projected in the proposal we made to the Field Foundation. One of these was the recommendation of the first Rural Study Consultation that a group of Negro leaders react to its findings. I would list other factors, but you are aware of some of these.

I do not know whether Mr. Hahn expects a report exactly on the date when grant was received, or if he allows an interval of 10 day to two weeks--- this would seem proper. What has been your experience? Should I raise the question with him as I do in the letter proposed on opposite side of this page, or should I assume the later date? YOUR ADVICE, PLEASE! I can drop everything if the report should go in next week..... , BUT I hope it won't be necessary. Besides, I'd like to be able to report the Nov. 1 meetings.

Please let me have your reply right away, or ask Paul Anthony to write. Many thanks!

ANS

Dear Mr. Hahn:

The Field Foundation grant is helping to finance an outreach and intensification of program in South Carolina not hitherto thought possible. If satisfactory, I should like to make the first six-month interval report to you about November 15th.

The enclosed invitation to attend the workshops and public meeting we have scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 1960 at Benedict College, Columbia, S.C. will give you some idea of what a busy and productive time this is.

Having heard of your visit to coastal S.C. winter before last, I am hoping that it may be possible for you to be with us on November first. If not possible, we hope that you may visit us soon.

Sincerely,

ANS

THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

INVITES

Citizens Interested in the Economic, Social, Educational, Civic and Political Progress of South Carolina

TO ATTEND

WORKSHIPS AND A PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, November 1, 1960

BENEDICT COLLEGE

Harden Street

Columbia, South Carolina

THEME: NEW ROLE OF THE PRIVATE CITIZEN

THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Benedict College
Harden Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Tuesday, November 1, 1960

PROGRAM

Morning Session

9:30 - 10;00 A.M.	Registration at Benedict Library
10:00 -11:45 A.M.	Workships meeting simultaneously in the following areas of concern:
	CITIZENSHIP
	EMPLOYMENT
	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
11:45-12:00 Noon	Coffee Break
12:00-12:45 P.M.	General Session and Business Meeting
1:00 -2:00 P.M.	LUNCH

Afternoon Session

1:45 - 2:15 P.M.	Registration
2:15 - 4:15 P.M.	Public Meeting

A DIALOGUE: FELLOW TOWNSMEN CHALLENGE CITIZENS

Dr. Charles G. Gomillion, Dean
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

The Hon. Marion A. Wright, V. P.
Southern Regional Council

General Discussion

PROGRAM OUTLINE

THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
Benedict College
Columbia, South Carolina

Tuesday, November 1, 1960

WORKSHOPS

NO. 1 - CITIZENSHIP

Chairman - Rev. M. D. McCollom

Discussion Leader - Mrs. Alice N. Spearman

What is the new role of the private citizen? What tools are needed to be an effective citizen? Not only will questions be answered, but also programs and projects set up whereby citizens may become more active, both individually and collectively - not just at election time, but in every day affairs.
(Co-sponsored by the Inter-Group Council)

NO. 2 - EMPLOYMENT

Chairman - Dr. Dewey M. Duckett

Discussion Leader - Courtney Siceloff

A recent survey on "What the Negro Wants" conducted by two professors at Florida State University reported that equal employment opportunity was ranked highest by Negroes. This was true of Negroes of all educational backgrounds interviewed.

Training Opportunities and recruitment of young people, leverage for opening up jobs for Negroes in which they have not been traditionally employed, setting up a merit employment program - these are a few of the matters to be considered in this workshop.
(Co-sponsored by the Penn Community Services, Inc.)

NO. 3 - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Chairman - Mrs. M. E. Fields

Discussion Leader - Mrs. T. B. Stackhouse

One of the frontiers in American life today is revival of interest in community development. Most South Carolina towns and cities lack adequate community services. Trained leadership, volunteer and professiona, is needed.

Come hear a panel of persons who have been successful in a variety of community experiments and participate in planning for your own community.

(Co-sponsored by the S. C. Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.)

WORKSHOPS - In Brief

October 24, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I apologize for the delay in answering your letter of October 12. I have been out of town.

I do not plan to attend the state meeting on November 1 and am glad you do not consider it essential. I am scheduled into Virginia on that day.

I am quite anxious to cooperate with the student group in any way that I can, and would be happy to speak to the group if we can arrange a date, preferably one that would involve other appointments.

I agree with you fully that a state workshop for program chairman of local Councils might be helpful. The Virginia Council does this every year and with considerable success. I would enjoy attending such a workshop if it is held. I think what is called for is primarily a discussion among local chairmen which would involve a reporting of present programming and a discussion of possibilities and problems. I do not think that much in the way of outside expertise is needed. In fact, it might inhibit the discussion.

I certainly would approve the use of Mr. J. H. Wheeler or Mr. J. S. Stewart of Durham as speakers in the role that you suggest. This was done in Little Rock with Mr. Wheeler and they thought it highly successful. We can handle costs out of the Consultant Service Program. Go ahead and set a day and invite one of them.

Concerning the research workshop with Dr. Gomillion, I am not too clear as to whether this is needed at the present time. I question whether social science faculties would feel that they needed

to attend a workshop on such a jubject . Professors are sensitive about such things. Perhaps it would be better to call it a planning session with representatives of the various colleges to consider who could do what. Dr. Gomillion could serve as resource person from his experience at Tuskegee. I think one such resource person would be sufficient.

I would like to think further about the Schwartzhaupt grant and to talk with you about it before we schedule any planning conference.

Best wishes for a good annual meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Thirteen Thirty Laurel Str et No. 8
Columbia, South Carolina

November 7, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul Rilling:

Our meetings on November 1st went over in a wonderful way. The workshops were attended by approximately 300 people and the afternoon meeting by around 750. Details later.

Bob Stowell told me at lunch on November 1st that the Beaufort County Council on Human Relations is interested in a workshop on how to conduct a self survey, and would like to make use of SRC's Consultant Service. I enclose a copy of a letter I have just written to Bob. Won't you let us have your reaction as soon as possible?

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
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(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah
Signed in Mrs. Spearman' absence

Thirteen Thirty Laurel Street No. 8
Columbia, South Carolina

November 7, 1960

Mr. Mike Smukler
Penn Center
Frogmore, S.C?

Dear Mike:

In writing to thank Mr. Wright , I was so glad to have your enthusiastice statement about him. Thank you so much for your good and thoughtful letter.

I am sure that there is much to be said concerning the weaknesses you felt in the Community Development workshop. Some of the weaknesses were inherent in the limitations under which we work as an organization and conditions which exist in the State. I am sure, however, that many of the shortcomings are attributable to both poor planning and execution.

I believe that you would be benefitted to know something of the processes that were used and shall be happy to share these insights with you when I see you again.

Won't you feel free to drop in on us when you are in Columbia? We shall welcome your thinking and suggestions at all times.

Did you get into the Community Deveopment group on time? Mrs. Ledeen reports to me that students were so enthusiastic about the workshops that they are urging that such be set up with them on an all-day basis. Naturally, in so short a period it wasn't possible to do much more than indicate areas of interest which hopefully participants might wish to pursue further, when all-day programs can be set up.

Mr. L. P. Hollis op ned the Community Development discussion by presenting the need ~~of~~ and value of c mmunity self surveys. I hope that you did not miss that.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah
Signed in Mrs. Spearman's absence

November 11, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I think it would be quite appropriate to use the services of the Consultant Service Program in connection with the Beaufort self-survey effort. Courtney and John Hope were both here for our annual meeting this week and we discussed the matter. John is working on it and hopes that Herman Long and perhaps also Ken Morland can be made available to the Beaufort group.

You will be hearing from John concerning details.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Thirteen Thirty Laurel Street - No.8
Columbia - South Carolina

November 18, 1960

Photo returned to file

Mr. Paul Anthony, Administrative Asst.
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dea r Paul:

I am returning the glossy print of Marion Wright. Thank you for your promptness in sending it to me.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

AMS/cah

Signed in Mrs. Spearman's absence

December 2, 1960

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human
Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for your good letter of November 29, the kind remarks about our annual report, and your contribution to Bob Hughes's legal defense, which we are passing on to the Alabama Council.

It is welcome news to us (as it will be to Bob and his people) that you are going to circularize your board and other selected individuals. Certainly you are free to quote the statement on this matter contained in my annual report.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

November 29, 1960

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Harold:

I read your annual report with much interest. Congratulations for the increasingly significant role SRC is playing.

We had just s ent a letter of solicitation to our membership when news of the Bob Hughes situation developed. It now seems appropriate that we ~~could use~~ send a letter to our board and a few carefully selected individuals, in the hope that we may contribute to the fund needed for legal costs. I would like your permission to quote from your annual report, the statement having to do with the Hughes situation.

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I am enclosing my personal check for $20. Wish that I might make it more.

Please let me have your reply promptly, as we are planning to get out the letter immediately.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

Signed in Mrs. Spearman's absence

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

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Dear Paul,

Always good to see you. Hope you'll get some rest and that you'll have a happy holiday season.

I'm enclosing quarterly narrative report. Am so grateful of your willingness to pull out a brief report to go to the Field Foundation. Work on the detailed financial report of Field grant to accompany same will be complete tomorrow or early next week, I hope.

Mrs. Hickman's original copy indicates her need of a new ribbon — hence the copy to save your eye sight!

Book keeper reports nov. finances ~~Ff~~ balance. As soon as reconciled I'll send quarterly finance report. Won't delay narrative because I hope you can get on it toute de suite!

Again, many thanks!

Alice D. Spearman

December 22, 1960

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I will need a copy of your project proposal to the Field Foundation before I can do any kind of extraction of material for a report to them. Not remembering what the specific purpose of the grant was, I cannot pull out the appropriate activities to summarize. Send it on and I will try and do as you ask.

It was good to see you recently. We will do some sound thinking here on the personal concerns you mentioned.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/mf

January 12, 1961

Mrs. Alice Spearman
S. C. Council on Human Relations
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

The letter from Dorothy McKorkle about the proposed South Carolina research project (copy of our reply to her enclosed) reminds me of a question raised by Marion Wright when he was here recently.

Marion said that Dr. Sam Derrick is soon to retire from his position at the University of South Carolina, and he is wondering if he should be considered for the job as director of the research project. Marion said that he would be willing to sound out Dr. Derrick on this.

I don't know Dr. Derrick. What would be your reaction to this suggestion?

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

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cc: Paul Rilling

Many thanks for the stencils!

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January 16, 1961

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

This is the best I can do. Naturally, I did not know which activities you were claiming under the Schwarzhaupt grant. Make sure you don't duplicate. Sorry I was delayed getting this to you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 18, 1961

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for your recent quarterly report which I am just getting around to acknowledging. It is a record of unusual activity, even for you. I think you have been fortunate to add Libby Ledeen to your staff part-time. I look forward to working with her and you in the February 5th conference.

Your work with the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs seems to be bearing fruit in greater coordination and more directed activity.

The November meeting at Benedict College sounded particularly impressive. For Gomillion and Wright to speak to 750 persons would seem quite significant. This would seem to be an indication of increased effectiveness of the intergroup council.

How are the Turks coming along in Sumter County? Would it be useful for Dr. Morland to return for any follow-up effort?

Congratulations on the success of your efforts to remove the racial bar for nurses at the Veterans' Hospital in Columbia. This is an important break-through, particularly for South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

January 26, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Let me thank you warmly for the fine job you did in summarizing our activities for reporting to the Field Foundation. I didn't have the slightest idea of the form in which Mr. Hahn would prefer to have our reports. I have had a nice note from him, in which he mentions interest in the development taking place.

Schedules here are beginning to get tight. It will be good to get a fixed date for the state staff conference in Atlanta.

Cordially yours,

Alice N. Spearman
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(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

February 6, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsythe Street N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

Thank you very much for a job well done yesterday.

As directed by you, I am reporting the expenses for Mr. J. S. Stewart who served as Consultant at a Workshop authorized by the Southern Regional Council Consultants Program. We shall appreciate your having a check mailed directly to Mr. Stewart and receiving a statement from you that this has been done.

We shall send you a brief outline of the Workshop, also.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS:ajp

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

February 9, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Within a few days I hope to respond to your suggestions for the state staff conference in Atlanta.

My immediate concern is the rapidly developing situation in Rock Hill, which is now in the national limelight.

I was in Rock Hill on Monday, February 6. I learned that at the January 27 meeting of the Rock Hill Council Negro members wanted a delegation from the Council to contact the mayor. A delegation from the Rock Hill Council planned to attend our Community Unity workshop on February 3 in the hope of learning from Mr. Stewart techniques which were found helpful in Durham for settling the sit-ins. Being detained by the weather, they are still feeling the need for expert guidance.

It seems obvious that student strategy is to focus the sit-in issue in Rock Hill.

One of our knowledgeable members states that the Rock Hill mayor and Governor Hollings are in collusion and are both equally determined that the dike shall not be broken in Rock Hill. Inside sources say that Hollings will doubtless support Mayor John Hardin in the next gubernatorial campaign, when Hardin is expected to be a candidate.

I have just dictated a letter to the Rev. Hawley Lynn, 801 Cherry Road, Rock Hill, S.C., telling him that I am alerting you to the possibility of an S.O.S. from them to you, if and when timing and strategy indicate that a consultant can be effective to use there. Your reaction, please?

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

February 13, 1961

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for your note on the Rock Hill situation. If we can help the folks in Rock Hill, I will be happy to go over there although with the power structure so firm in opposition to the student efforts, there does not seem to be much room for negotiation or accommodation.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

February 20, 1961

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Mr. Paul Rilling
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsythe Street N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I am enclosing copy of a letter to the editor of the Rock Hill Evening Herald written by Miss Margaret Gregg, a member of the Rock Hill Council on Human Relations, and a teacher at Winthrop College. Miss Gregg's letter appeared February 10.

Early morning radio newscasts on February 11 made a few statements which we believe to be the same statements which were made in a U.P.I. release over a Rock Hill dateline. We have not heard of this article having appeared in any newspaper in South Carolina except the Greenville News, where it appeared in the Sunday edition on February 12.

Miss Gregg phoned me Sunday night, saying that she has been advised by a friend who is a staff member of the Evening Herald to send both her letter and the U.P.I, report to the U.P.I. central office in Atlanta.

Miss Gregg feels, and I think rightly so,that there may be some unsavory connection between some member of the Columbia office of U.P.I. and the resistance forces. Otherwise she does not know how information would have so quickly been brought to light as to her connection with Winthrop College. She feels also that statements have been taken out of context, quotations used which do not appear in her letter, and that the entire context in which the article was written is such as to provoke trouble.

Miss Gregg would like, if possible, to have the central U.P.I. office in Atlanta investigate this matter. Naturally, if possible, she would like to know the findings. We both wondered if John Constable or Harold Fleming might take a look in on this for her.

We can check on this together when I see you on Thursday.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS:ajp

Enclosure: 1

(FROM THE GREENVILLE NEWS - February 12, 1961) ?

ROCK HILL (UPI) - An Englishteacher at state-supported Winthrop College here Friday called for a revision of state laws which she said were "discriminatory to Negroes."

Miss Margaret Gregg, whoteaches at the South Carolina college for women here, made the plea through the Rock Hill newspaper inthe form of a letter to the editor.

She called on her fellow Rock Hill citizens to admit the trespassing law was a violation of Democracy.

She said she was distressed over the imprisonment of Negro college students for violating the anti-trespassing law. The teacher, who is also a property holder here, posed the question "aren't the trespassing laws a violation of a cardinal principal of christianity, equality before God."

She also asked "should the freedom of some be a public brand of inferiority for others?"

Miss Gregg's stand was the first known instance of a state employe opposing the state's pro-segregation stand.

EVENING HERALD
Published Every Afternoon Except Sunday
4—Friday, February 10, 1961

In Our Opinion:

The voice of America is in the appendix

If you thumb through the back of the Congressional Record, you will run across a fascinating collection of re-prints.

The Congressional Record is the daily story of the doings of Congress, when Congress is in session. At the back of the Record is a section called the Appendix, reserved for the "extension of remarks" of Senators and Representatives.

Here you'll find re-prints of speeches, editorials, letters, magazine articles, research papers and statements.

Among the items in the Appendix on Monday, Feb. 6, for example, were:

A letter to the President urging increased Voice of America programs to the people of Byelorussia.

A speech by a general on new frontiers in science and technology (which cost the taxpayers an estimated $297 to reproduce in the Record, according to the Public Printer.)

An address by a Virginian concerning the merits of another Virginian.

The acceptance speech of an admiral, given when he received the Silver Quill Award of the National Business Publications.

A poem setting forth the virtues of the country doctor.

An article dealing with the retirement of the editor of a New England newspaper.

A story about the observations of an American newspaperman on visiting Ireland.

A columnist's review of a TV documentary about the days of the Third Reich.

The first reaction to a check of the appendix is that this is a monstrous waste of the taxpayers' money. And then, after a time, another thought comes. For in these pages there is an amazing cross-section of the opinion of Americans — from small-town newspaper editors to average taxpayers beefing about everything under the sun.

Maybe it's worth the cost to give our lawmakers a daily reminder of what the folks back home are thinking.

What's happening to our fighting instinct?

Americans spend a good bit of time talking about communism and trying to figure out what makes Communists tick.

Americans also have spent a good bit of time trying to find out why so many U. S. servicemen became putty in the hands of their Communist captors in the Korean War.

A captured document written by a Communist intelligence officer tells what the enemy thought of our American GIs. It says, in brief, that the American soldier:

—Has weak loyalties to his family, community, religion, country and fellow soldier.

—Has hazy ideas of right and wrong.

—Feels insecure when he's alone.

—Underestimates his own strength and worth and his own ability to survive.

—Has little real knowledge of his own country and its philosophy of government and knows little about social values.

—Does not understand the meaning or need for military service and military discipline.

Surveys of American high school students in recent years have shown that many high school pupils have only vague ideas about the importance of free speech, the need for a free press, the merits of the free enterprise system and the blessings of the democratic system of government.

Why are many of our servicemen and many of our young people in this fix?

It's too simple to blame the public school system. Or the gradual loss of unity in the American home. Or the gradual growth of the welfare state. Or the emphasis most Americans place on material possessions and easy living.

Perhaps it's a little of all of these things, plus the lack of any real challenge, the lack of any real desire to fight for something, the lack of any real dependence upon self.

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In the world of government, nothing is free

"You have never come to us asking for something without also telling us where we could get the money.

"It takes money to provide the services that people demand."

With those words, Solomon Blatt, veteran speaker of the S. C. House, this week put on the line the problem faced repeatedly by lawmakers everywhere. He was talking to a state meeting of the S. C. Chamber of Commerce.

The people are demanding a lot. Money for schools. Money for better mental health care. Money for urban renewal. Money to provide health care for the aged. Money for airports and roads.

The list is seemingly endless. And many of the projects are worthwhile.

But, as Blatt pointed out, many a group asking for more money is not willing or prepared to say where the money should come from. Many a group, he said, seems to feel that it is enough to ask and that it is the job of the legislators to find the money somewhere.

As Blatt indicated, but did not say: Who is willing to pay?

Voice of the people:

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The people are responsible for the laws

The Editor:

I cannot believe that I am alone in my distress over a series of events in our town culminating in the imprisonment of college students at the York County prison farm and in the city jail. May we not consider together the underlying cause of these events?

First of all, let us exonerate the law enforcement officers. If there is a law against trespassing on private property open for business services to the public, and that law is invoked by the property holder or renter, the officers have no choice but to enforce the law without exception.

Next, let's exonerate the property holder who has been placed in a difficult spot by social changes not of his willing or making.

Should we then permit the students to bear the entire blame?

Should not their challenge of this law at least make us look more thoughtfully at its application? Why is the law invoked against some citizens, but not against others when both groups seek the same service?

Is this distinction in application justified by the idea of freedom of association? If so, whose freedom?

Should the freedom of some be a public brand of inferiority for others?

Isn't this application of the law a violation of democracy — equality before the law, which is very different from social equality? Isn't this also a violation of a cardinal principle of Christianity — equality before God?

These questions I ask myself. And I ask you, fellow Rock Hillians, to share this conscience-searching with me; for in the final analysis, it is we the people who are responsible, through our delegated legislators, for just laws which are equally applied to all citizens.

Margaret H. Gregg
Rock Hill.

Other folks say:

Semi-literate graduates

A qualified educator tells us the majority of students who enter college have read little literature, know nearly nothing about the classics and cannot read English with perceptive and discriminating taste or write a page of good English.

This indictment of high school graduates was made by Dr. J. N. Douglas Bush, professor of English at Harvard University. He surmised that a large proportion are only semi-literate when they receive their degree of Bachelor of Arts.

We lose our ability to communicate intelligently when we do not know how to use our own language perfectly; and without that ability, our concentration on scientific achievement and all other practical and philosophical excellence eventually will break down into mere shouting for echoes in an empty hall.

If a man can't explain something to another, he doesn't really know it. — Tallahassee, Fla., Democrat.

Atlanta ?

THE COLUMBIA RECORD - Thursday, February 9, 1961, Columbia, S. C.

'NATION OF ISLAM'

NEGRO SUPREMACIST GROUP EXISTS HERE

By Thom Billington Of The Record Staff

The sign over a shop catches much attention from passers-by. It reads "Muhammad's Mosque of Islam." The windows are curtained in violet, and there are no sounds of movement. But, if extremely reliable sources are correct, the secret meetings held behind these curtains are causesof concern to Columbia and the entire nation.

The "Nation of Islam" consisting of this "mosque" at 1115 Harden Street in Columbia and about 30 other such organizations in America's major cities, is planning to wipe out the white race, according to Negro journalist William Worthy, writing in the February issue of Esquire Magazine.

Began Probe

Worthy began a months-long investigation into the so-called "Muslims" that took him to New York, Chicago and Boston.

He found that the leader of the movement, which seems to be spreading like wildfire in Northern industrial cities, is a man who calls himself Muhammad. His given name is Elijah Poole, born in Sandersville, Ga,, the son of a share-cropper. Leaving school at age 9, Worthy writes, he took to working at odd jobs, was arrested for vagrancy, beaten by police, became bitter and discontented, and was finally attracted to Wallace Fard, originator of the movement. Fard mysteriously disappeared in 1933, and Poole christened himself Muhammad, "The Messenger of Allah." He preaches a doctrine containing the essence of Mohammedanism and Negro supremacy.

Original Man

According to Poole, the Negro is the Original Man. And with the privilege of the pulpit, the white race, "white devils," is reviled. The Muslims believe in separation of the races, non-mixing, and like Moslems, drinking, tobacco using fornication and adultery are the worst sins.

A terrifying aspect of the movement is the military branch of the Muslims, known as the "Fruit of Islam," or F.O.I. Although Muslims are not allowed to carry weapons, the F.O.I. spends one night a week practicing, the use of judo and such weapons as knives and blackjacks. They're preparing for the "War of Armageddon," which Muhammad ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ prophesies will take place in the United States before 1970. The war will be between whites and blaks, and the blacks are expected to be victorious.

A prospective member, who must pass a simple test before becoming a Muslim, is known as by his full name, John Smith. After becoming a member of the organization, he will be known as John X. He will have foresworn his "slave-name."

Unavailable for Comment

The Columbia minister is known as Thomas X. He is unavailable for comment. Another, larger, South Carolina organization is to be found at Orangeburg.

Although membership in the sect is relatively small, the number of Negro sympathizers is large. For every member, there are reputed to be 10 or 20 such sympathizers. Muslims claim a following of a quarter-million in this country.

According to the Esquire article, federal authorities suspect the Muslims of being close to violating the Smith Act, which makesit a crime to advocate violent overthrow of the United States government.

Has Wide Appeal

Muhammad's organization has a wide appeal for many semiliterates and those with no special skills. The group aims to recruit members who find themselves not only rejected by whites, but also by other Negroes.

The Esquire article quites the editor of Harlem's AMSTERDAM NEWS, James Hicks, who enjoys the friendship of the Muslims, despite his editorial stand against their ban on allowing white newspapermen to their meetings. "The growth of the Muslims in the last couple of years is fantastic," says Hicks. "All these movements have their peak, but I don't think the Muslims have yet reached theirs. Until discrimination is finally stamped out, the Muslims will thrive."

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March 10, 1961

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street, Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Whatever the audit woes, don't let them bother you. If you run into serious difficulty, call on us. And, next year let's make arrangements for a new auditor!

As to the matter of initialing travel expenses, it was suggested at the state staff meeting that this might be a good thing to do. The reason behind this is the Internal Revenue Service ruling that travel expenses do not have to be accounted for in detail if they are reviewed and approved by a superior. This is actually a ruling applying to business -- and to the abuses of expense accounts in business. There is little likelihood that you would have difficulty under any circumstances. But, the visible proof that someone else in your organization has reviewed and approved any expense money paid you is a comfortable way to handle the matter -- and extra cautious.

Hope the opportunity will arise for me to visit soon.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

March 8, 1961

Mr. Maul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
Room 201 - 5 Forsyth St. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Thank you for holding my hand in connection with our audit. Your prophecy has come true concerning the charges— woe is me!

Where did I pick up the idea that we are now required to have the president of our organization initial our travel expense reports? I may have misunderstood in the rush of things, and really don't understand why this is done. Won't you help me out?

We have a new president, whom I asked to initial some of our forms, and was not able to explain why.

Hope you can come to see us soon.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
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(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

March 24, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsythe Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I doubt having adequately thanked you for your part in planning and executing the State Staff Conference in Atlanta February 23 and 24. The meetings were helpful and I appreciated the opportunities for exchange, stimulation, and being up-dated in general. Things have moved rapidly here and we've been short of time!

Perhaps Harold Fleming told you that Mr. Dabbs as SCCHR chairman of Finance wanted Fleming and one of our ex-board members, A.J. Clement of Newark, New Jersey, to speak at a S.C. state-wide meeting in March. Dabbs planned to launch our annual finance campaign much as he did on March 6, 1960, when you were with us.

First, there were delays surrounding Harold's decision and later Mr. Dabbs developed conflicts as to dates. Hopefully, now Les Dunbar and Mr. Dabbs will confirm April 16th. Mr. Clement has done so and we hope plans will move forward.

Howard McClain and I have toyed with the idea of holding a state-wide meeting on citizenship and asking you to do the background presentation. I hope the delays with Mr. Dabbs' meeting won't crowd this out but the crises inthe student situation, the growing interest of our local councils, increasing requests for services from other groups, and previously planned small workshop groups may well make another state-wide meeting impossible this spring.

In any case, will keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman by ajp

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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Memo FROM THE DESK OF **LESLIE W. DUNBAR**

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You may want to have this

3-29-61

Mrs. Spearman is out of town today, so I am taking the liberty of sending the enclosed list, which was sent to her by Courtney Sickoff. I'm sure you will know why you are receiving it, but if further explanation needs to be made, I will ask Mrs. Spearman to write you tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Ardella V. Pitts, Secretary

South Carolina Research Project

Dr. Ira DeA. Reid, Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania

Dr. Hylan C. Lewis, director, Child-Rearing Project, Health and Welfare Council of the National Capitol, 1101 M St., NW, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Robert Johnson, Sociology Dept., Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Dr. Kenneth Moreland, Randolph-Mason College, Lynchburg, Virginia

Dr. Walter Mueller, Boston University, Boston, Mass.

Dr. Tillman Cochrane, Professor of Sociology, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Dan Price, Institute for Research in Social Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dr. Thomas F. Pettigrew, Assistant Professor of Social Psychology, Harvard University, Emerson Hall, Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dr. Horace Mann Bond, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. M. T. Puryear, Southern Field Division, National Urban League, 250 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. A. W. Calhoun, Claflin College, Orangeburg, S.C.

Dr. Delaney, State College, Orangeburg, S.C.

Bishop Dudley Ward

Dr. Harry Richardson, Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

Dean John B. Thompson, Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee

Mr. John Hope, Race Relations Dept., Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. John Griffin)
Dr. Lewis Killian) — Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

Dr. Dan Thompson, Dillard University, New Orleans, La.

Mr. Leslie Granger)
Dr. Whitney Young) — National Urban League, 14 E. 48th Street, New York 17, N. Y.

Dr. Brice, Division of Fundamental Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington 25, D. C.

April 7, 1961

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I want to thank you and Libby for an unusually helpful and comprehensive report on recent developments in South Carolina and on the work of the Council. It gave us here an improved understanding of some of the recent headlines in our papers.

On balance, I found the picture an encouraging one. It was good to hear of softening by store managers in Rock Hill and Greenville, of the moderate stand of the Rock Hill paper, of the success of the Turks in Sumter County, the decline of prestige and caliber of Citizens Council leadership, the desegregation of several libraries, and increasing support or at least acceptance of change by white people generally.

Even the adverse developments seem to be to be signs of constructive ferment. I agree with Libby that the increase in surveillance and harassment of liberal white spokesmen reflects increased awareness of the inevitability of change and the tactics of desperation.

Your January workshop on church matters sounds fine. I see you got Howard McClain involved on a consultative basis.

As the pressures grow more severe (if possible) we are increasingly anxious to be of any service that we can. Let me know if outside speakers, perhaps even name speakers, would help strengthen morale or self-image of the inter-collegiate group. Should I or anyone, perhaps someone from the University of Georgia, plan to visit Clemson unofficially for some quiet contacts with friends? You are probably already carrying this forward. Le t me know.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

April 12, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
Room 201 - 5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Thank you very much for your good letter of April 7. I am responding right away to tell you that we are holding here in Columbia on Thursday, April 13, a meeting in which some of the Clemson religious workers and, hopefully, also faculty will participate. Response to our invitation has been good.

I am asking Libby to report to you particularly on viewpoints of persons from Clemson, in the hope that you may find it possible to visit Clemson, perhaps as you suggest, unofficially for some quiet contacts with friends you may have and others with whose names I am asking Libby to provide you with after the meeting on the 13th.

Our plans are proceeding well for the state-wide meeting on Sunday, at which Dr. Dunbar and A. J. Clement of Newark, N.J. will speak. Mr. Clement will arrive on Thursday and work with one or more groups each day from the 13th through the 16th.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

April 19, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Thank you so much for the SRC Newsletter, which we like very much. Your analysis of the Southern Trends is the yype of thing that will help us most, I believe. After all, you have a vantage point and perspective that we lack and need.

Fred Reese hopes to see you in Atlanta this week. I am sure the two of you will like each other very much.

We have just had a series of five meetings, details of which we will share in our next report. Suffice it to say Libby brought together an excellent group from three South Carolins state colleges for white students on Thursday. That evening, twice on Friday, once on Saturday and again on Sunday, Mr. A. J. Clement Jr., an official of the N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Co. and a former member of our board, held interesting meetings with significant groups-- an enlarged meeting of the bi-racial student group, Columbia leaders, the largest Negro high school in Columbia, and a state-wide membership meeting.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

May 16, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul Rilling:

I have just received from Nat Griswold an invitation to the conference of NAIRO for the South Central Region. The program looks fine.

Can you tell me if, when and where there will be a NAIRO conference for the Southern Region?

Let me congratulate you on the last issue of the SRC Newsletter. It was exceedingly helpful and forecasts the use of this Newsletter as a pump-primer for program building.

As to expanding the Newsletter and including on your mailing list members of state boards of directors and officers of local groups, we think this would be a capital idea. I see not particular reason why there would need to be a separate Newsletter developed for this purpose. However, it is conceivable that you might wish to communicate occasionally a few items to the staff which would not need to be sent the lay leadership. In that case, might not these items merely be listed on a spearate sheet and not bradded to the Newsletter? All of this may be a metter to face as we progress further in developing the Newsletter as a program and organizational aid.

Let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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May 23, 1961

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Frankly, there are no plans for a NAIRO conference for the Southern region this year. I say this with some mild embarrassment, since I am the chairman for this region. My feeling has been that with the Southwest in one NAIRO region and with Nashville and Washington in another region, there would be very few resources available for a Southern region conference. My more important reason for failing to convene a conference is the belief that the Southern Interagency conference which meets quarterly here fulfills many of the purposes of a regional meeting. This is probably a little unfortunate to state and local staff in the region. I talked to John Lassoe about this recently and we do think it would be timely to attempt a Southern meeting sometime in the late fall, or more probably, next spring.

I appreciate your comments on my question concerning sending the newsletter to state board members and local officers. I think your suggestion is sound, however, I think we will not change our procedure unless we get more reaction on the idea. To date, you are the only director who has commented either way.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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Given to MM for filing

June 20, 1961

Mr. James Quigley
Assistant Secretary
Health, Education, and Welfare Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Quigley:

I enjoyed meeting you at Capahosic, even though we did once or twice diverge in our comments. I do not, you notice, say "disagree" because I think our differences were pretty largely simply a matter of my patience being a bit more frayed than yours.

Opening my mail after I got back, I came across one letter which I am venturing to quote to you in full.

> An institute for guidance teachers will be held at State College, Orangeburg, S. C. (Negro) for the first time this summer. It will offer elementary courses only. The University of South Carolina is holding a similar institute. However, I have been informed by a Negro guidance teacher in Columbia that it is offering much more advanced work, and that this is the third successive summer that the University has held such an institute. The institutes at both State College and the University of South Carolina are being sponsored jointly with the Federal Office of Education and at least partly financed under the National Defense Education Act.
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In view of your interest in the role of the Federal Government at the present time, I am writing to suggest that discriminatory practices financed at least in part by the Federal Office of Education doubtless need to be explored. I don't know whether the SRC Research Division may be able to look into this. However, I hope that it may and that we may hear from you, soon.

But let me say quickly that I do not know whether the facts are correct and that we shall not have time to look into them. The point of my quoting this letter to you is only this: we get dozens of reports like this a year; some of them we check out and they turn out to be true, some only partially true. Almost without exception, when we look into these things there is some basis of fact in the allegation. This sort of complaint is a symptom of how widespread are the activities of the Federal Government and how frequently they impinge upon civil rights and race relations. I don't envy the Federal administrator faced with the responsibility of insuring that all his programs make no contribution to segregation or discrimination. The kind of complaint which the quoted letter recites is itself an indication of how hard it would be for someone in Washington to foresee difficulties that exist in the South. But it also suggests that there is a real need for the closest kind of scrutiny of programs.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

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BCC: Alice Spearman
South Carolina

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
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June 12, 1961

Dr. Leslie Dunbar, Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Attention: Paul Rilling

Dear Dr. Dunbar:

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Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

July 7, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

It was good seeing you and Mrs. R. in Nashville. Thanks for your leadership.

The July SRC Newsletter is helpful. Let me comment and raise questions on a number of items in the order in which you presented them:

Job Opportunity Survey- I shall appreciate it if you will ask C.H. Parrish or James Moss to supply us with copies of any of the questionaires, other forms, and written materials to be used in the local projects. They will be helpful and suggestive to our employment committees.

GCHR Holds Board Workshop- I assume that you, as well as John Hope and Kenneth Morland, assisted with this workshop. In projecting plans for a South Carolina workshop under your leadership, I think it would be helpful to have a report of the Georgia workshop and of the Virginia workshop held for the last two years. I recall Dan Bowers' statement that the 1959 one was better than the 1960. Your evaluation and suggestions will be helpful.

I shall be sending you what we believe to be some of the felt needs here, also.

1. You speak of the defense of the rights of interstate travel, and of the hope that new ICC regulations may be forthcoming, to eliminate segregation in bus and train terminals. Because there is often such a time lapse in South Carolina in activating federal laws and regulations, it becomes difficult with our limited resources for us to stay up to date; e.g., I have forgotten whether there was a court order and ICC ruling at the time of the Sarah Fleming bus case. (The reference in in your talk to the laws which has almost invalidated resistance legislation concerning school desegregation, interested me-- I think what I am trying to say is that if your research department has a brief digest of the court rulings you referred to, I would like to have same . If they do not, please tell me

from what other source I may be able to get this quickly?)

3. You are so right that the new tactics have made coordination more difficult and I am sure that it is and will continue to be important that we develop effective processes, including fruitful interaction of individuals and organizations. Under No. 4 you raise the question of the need for re-examination of the role of interracial organizations. I am of the opinion that it is in the area of process and long range goals that we shall be most effective. Should the Negro actionist organizations succeed in producing quick results and desegregate public facilities, institutions and agencies, it would still be important to involve in the democratic process as many individuals and groups as possible.

4. In answer to your last question concerning reexamination of the role of interracial organizations, I should like to say that this seems to me to be a continuing need with which we, as state organizations, need competent help. Without implying criticism, I should like to say that in my opinion this type of state staff conference is needed as well as the type of briefing and reporting that we have been previously given. I sincerely hope that we may work toward that end.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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July 11, 1961
VIA AIR MAIL

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Early this summer

Reed Sarratt, Executive Director of the Southern Education Reporting Service, recently carried out a promotional effort through the North Carolina Council on Human Relations. SERS provided the North Carolina Council with copies of the June issue of the Southern School News sufficient for all persons on the mailing list. SERS provided mailing envelopes, subscription card, postage-paid return envelope, and took care of the postage for the mailing. The North Carolina Council carried through the actual mailing, enclosing a covering letter from Harry urging subscriptions on the part of his membership.

Reed has now suggested that he would appreciate it if other state councils would be willing to undertake a similar project. He is tentatively overprinting his July issue 1,000 with the thought that two or three of our state councils in July could cooperate with this promotional effort. We have had a good cooperative relationship with SERS, and the Southern School News has been an invaluable source of facts on the school matter. I think they deserve our help in their efforts to expand circulation, and that our members would benefit from receiving the paper.

I am suggesting that the South Carolina Council be one of the groups to mail out sample copies in July. If you agree, write Marge Manderson this week, so that we can make the necessary arrangements. I will be out of town until July 17, but we need to move as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

July 12, 1961

Mrs. Marge Manderson
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Manderson:

Via air mail I have received a suggestion from Paul Rilling that SCCHR cooperate with SERS in mailing to our membership, copies of the July issue of Southern School News. Our current membership is approximately 500. However, if SERS would like to have us mail also to delinquent members, we can handle 750 copies.

Thank you so much for taking care of this matter in Paul's absence. Best wishes.

Cordially,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

July 20, 1961

Mrs. Marge Manderson
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Manderson:

I note from your letter to Reed Sarratt that Paul Rilling is out of the city, so am requesting some information from you. Please send me Harold Fleming's present address and the title of his position, as well as the name of the organization by which he is employed.

An out-of-state friend mentioned casually that the organization employing Harold is financed by a foundation which has considerable interest in the area of human relations— I did not secure from her the spelling or address of this foundation, but my recollection was that it is the Ticonac (spelling?). If you can elaborate upon the interests of this foundationm the types of projects it underwrites, and secure from Paul Anthony his advice as to our chance of securing a grant, I shall appreciate it.

Please get from Paul Anthony also the address of the New World Foundation and names and addresses of any others which he feels we might approach.

Appreciatively,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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August 4, 1961

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am enclosing the material that C. H. Parrish and Jim Moss drew up for the job status study. Concerning the state board workshops; both the Virginia and Georgia workshops followed the same general format, combining reporting by local councils with discussion on such matters as local council organization, relationship between state and local councils, fund raising, committee work, surveys and fact-finding, local forums and programs, et cetera. In Georgia the workshop was coordinated by John Hope with Kenneth Morland, Tilman Cothran of Atlanta University, and me helping with the leadership. In Virginia it was conducted by the state director. The SRC field director has generally been involved, with the use of one or two other resource persons from within the state. We generally have had very little in the way of formal speeches by outside experts, but rather guided and scheduled discussion of various topics with the resource persons present for questions and comments.

Concerning your request about legal matters, we are enclosing a brief chronology of principal cases on segregation (through October, 1959). However, the particular case you cite, Sarah Mae Flemming vs. South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, is not included. Supreme Court action in this case came in June, 1956, and, according to Greenberg's "Race Relations and American Law," "at thip point, many bus companies throughout the South announced desegregation," Flemming, however, concerned the question of intrastate bus travel and, for various reasons, was not a definitive test. The ICC ruling in regard to interstate train and bus travel came earlier, November 7, 1955. Its application was to both travel and waiting rooms. It stated;

The disadvantages to a traveler who is assigned accommo-

> dations or facilities so designed as to imply his inherent inferiority soley because of his race must be regarded under present conditions as unreasonable. He is entitled to be free of annoyances which almost inevitably accompany segregation, even though the rail carriers sincerely try to provide both races with equally convenient and comfortable cars and waiting rooms.

You can see, from the enclosed chronology, how the ICC regulation meshes with various court decisions related to bus and rail transportation.

In regard to eating facilities in waiting rooms, as reported in The Freedom Ride, SRC Special Report:

> In 1958 Bruce Boynton, en route from Washington to Selma (Ala.), was refused service in the white section of the Trailways Bus terminal in Richmond; when he declined to leave he was arrested for trespass. Trailways did not own or control either the restaurant or the terminal. On Constitutional grounds, Mr. Boynton and his NAACP attorneys argued that the arrest was illegal. The Court entirely disregarded the Constitutional arguments, and ruled instead that under the Interstate Commerce Act segregation in terminals -- whether or not owned by the carrier -- violates a clause of the statute which forbids buses to "subject any particular person to any unjust discrimination or any unjust or unreasonable prejudice."

Jack Greenberg's "Race Relations and American Law" (Columbia U. Press) is an excellent source for more detailed information, through 1959.

Regarding court decisions invalidating school desegregation resistance measures, see the enclosed copy of Bruce Galphin's "U.S. Rulings Show Georgia Futility of State Statutes," from the Atlanta Constitution. What I said at Fisk was that the only alternative remaining for the avoidance of any desegregation was the closure of all public schools in a community. This has been done in Prince Edward County and is in the courts. If the NAACP is successful in the Prince Edward case, the courts will rule that all the public schools in a state must be closed if any are to close. I think this decision will be forthcoming. This same matter is in litigation in the St. Helena Parish, La., case, and here the federal government is contending that it would be unconstitutional for a state to close any or all of its schools to avoid desegregation. The outcome of this litigation is much more doubtful.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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August 7, 1961

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am just getting around to acknowledging your recent quarterly reports. Yours was quite helpful, as usual. We were quite pleased to note the desegregation of the library in Florence, and will be happy to add it to our list. I am surprised as well as impressed that the South Carolina Student Council on Human Relations was able to organize on a somewhat permanent basis. I think that you and Libby Ledeen have pulled off a minor miracle on this effort. Congratulations on getting five students into the Encampment for Citizenship program.

Surely this was one of the busiest quarters you've had in some time.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR:mm

August 23, 1961

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am properly reproved by your letter of August 22 and I hasten to confirm the date of September 30 for your program workshop. My recollection of our conversation is a bit vague at this point, so help me as your plans develop by indicating specific topics, directions, and emphases that would be of greatest help.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

August 22, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

It was my understanding at our private conference at Fisk, that you agreed to work with us on a program workshop to be scheduled on a Saturday in late September. Immediately upon my return, I wrote and asked you to confirm a date as soon as you had cleared with your calendar. To date, I have not received the needed confirmation from you and am hopong that we may be able to at least by Labor Day firm up a date, preferably September 30th.

I was helped by your report concerning the Virginia and Georgia program workshops. We can correspond in greater detail in September concerning content. Our immediate need is for a fixed date. As usual, we hope to d evelop with our local councils program to meet their felt needs. In the process, I hope to visit each local council and involve them in making plans. You will see that this will require some time.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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August 25, 1961

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman;

I am so sorry to be so late in replying to your letter of July 20 (over a month ago!) in regard to foundations. My excuses are good, but I won't burden you with them here. Harold Fleming's address is; Potomac Institute, 353 Shoreham Building, 15th and H Streets, Washington, D. C. (Telephone; EXecutive 3 - 3870). Harold is also on the board of the foundation to which you refer, the Taconic Foundation. Taconic does have considerable interest in the area of human relations; in fact, Paul Anthony advises that Taconic gives money to SRC for grants to the state organizations. Harold's organization, the Potomac Institute, is not financed by any particular foundation, but by individuals, Paul Anthony states further. However, I believe I'm correct in stating that the largest part of the money going into the Potomac Institute comes from the persons who founded Taconic. Paul's advice regarding fund-raising from foundations is to discover, if possible, some obscure foundation with a particular interest in South Carolina. He has promised to send you some addresses, including that of the New World Foundation, and I am sure he will attend to this on his return from vacation next week.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

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Spearman

August 30, 1961

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for the clipping on Charles Daniel's statement. It looks like a highly significant statement coming from this source. We are suggesting that Ben Muse contact Mr. Daniel sometime in the near future. We would like a full copy of his remarks. Would you advise that we write him directly, or could this be secured through South Carolina channels?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

DANIEL AT HAMPTON State 7-2-9

Negro Productivity Hike Is Held Vital

By MONT MORTON
Staff Writer for The State

HAMPTON — South Carolina must increase the productivity of its Negro citizens, one of the state's leading industrialists said Saturday.

Charles E. Daniel of Greenville, addressing an open air gathering at Hampton County's 19th annual Watermelon Festival, declared, "We in the South are in the second period of Reconstruction."

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By raising the educational and economic status of the Negro, he added, "we would raise the whole economy of the state."

Miss Bobby Godley of Cayce was crowned Miss Coastal Empire of 1961 Saturday night at the Melon Ball, climaxing Hampton's annual Watermelon Festival.

The 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Godley, who competed as Miss Cayce-West Columbia, was chosen from among a field of 28 to succeed Miss Connie Blandy of Charleston as the pageant's beauty queen. Miss Godley also won the bathing suit division Friday night in the two-day contest.

First runner - up was Miss Greer, 18-year-old Pamela Hendrix, who also was runner-up in the bathing suit competition, and second runner-up was Miss Charleston, 18-year-old Margie Schachte.

Daniel, the industrial pioneer, who served an interim term in the United States Senate in 1954, began his speech by warning "Some of the thoughts expressed here today may not be happy in nature but I assure you I speak with only the best intentions for the future of South Carolina."

Pointing out that South Carolina ranks near the national bottom in per capita income, Daniel urged citizens to "open their eyes to the realities surrounding us, to do what it takes to control our own fate."

Dominating forces have arrayed themselves against South Carolina, he asserted. "We need to move to positions where we can settle the difficulties by control and better management of South Carolina's own affairs."

Pointing at the federal government, Daniel charged the administration with "mismanaging increases in the foreign giveaway funds, a sudden switchback to inflationary policies, reckless spending and cheap money."

Calling for cuts of "[illegible] government [illegible] ready for a [illegible] and [illegible]

CHARLES DANIEL

we need most is a sharp return to rigid fiscal responsibility."

South Carolina's textile industry is in grave danger and distress, he continued, "S. O. S. calls to Washington so far have not received positive action."

There are two vital elements which must move together if South Carolina is to resolve its difficulties, he said, calling first for a rapid elevation of the economic status of all our people.

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secondly, for a certain program of quality education.

In connection with improving our educational status, Daniel praised South Carolina's educational television system and added that we should immediately establish and equip 10 industrial training centers.

"The de-segregation issue contains problems to be hidden behind the door," he explained. "The situation cannot be satisfactorily settled at the lunch counter and bus station levels."

Industry-seeking locations to southern [illegible] are concerned about [illegible] relations with the federal government, he continued. He added:

"The Negro population represents a large working force in South Carolina, relatively untrained. It is an important potential to our industry."

8-23-61 * Inadvertently delayed.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

August 7, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

The enclosed clipping from the State will be self-explanatory. Frankly, I consider it the most significant public statement made in South Carolina since the 1954 Supreme Court decision on public school segregation. How, or if, ~~you~~ we shall be able to push Daniel further is still the $64.00 question. Please return the enclosed clipping after you have called it to the attention of Les Dunbar.

I have written a postal and at least two letters to your office to which I have not yet had a reply. Judge you are on vacation. Let me hear from you as soon as you can.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS:AJP

Enclosure: Daniel clipping

September 6, 1961

Mrs. Alice H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Enclosed is a check which was forwarded to us by Mr. Dabbs. It represents, I believe, Miss Gray's pledge to the SCCHR.

Hope all goes well with you. It has been an unfortunately long time since we've seen you.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb
Enc. Check for $50.00

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A Council to attain the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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MAYESVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

August 31, 1961

Mr. Paul Anthony, Executive Asst.
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

The enclosed check is in payment of a pledge made by Miss Gray to the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. She made ## out the #check in error to Southern Regional Council. Will you please see that the South Carolina Council gets credit for this? Thanks.

~~Sincerely,~~
J. M. Dabbs.

J. M. Dabbs
President

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

September 26, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

From responses received it looks as though we shall have a good attendance at the Program Workshop on Saturday, September 30th from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Esso Community Center, 300 Gervais Street, Columbia. We are indeed happy that you are to be with us and are planning an informal get-together for Friday evening as an orientation session.

Please let me hear your travel plans, especially probable hour of arrival, at your earliest convenience. Would you like to have us make a reservation at the Columbia Hotel for you?

We have decided against a too tightly structured program. The Morning Session is tentatively set from 10:00 to 12:30 and the Afternoon Session from 2:00 to 4:00.

During the Morning Session we will want brief presentations from you, Gil Roland, whom you met last year, and A. M. Secrest, editor of the Cheraw Chronicle who was a Neiman Fellow at Harvard last year. There are two main ideas which we hope may underlie the presentations of the three of you: 1/ the need for building a liberal movement in the South, as set forth in Les Dunbar's letter to the SRC Board of Directors, and 2/ motivation for getting into the mainstream of public affairs. We want your presentation to come first and hope that you will emphasize the importance of ~~industrial~~ personal involvement on the part of members, and the importance of their projecting significant study and action programs in the opinion-forming organizations to which they belong.

In South Carolina there is urgent need for stepping up efforts toward intra-group communication. You will know best how to present this, or draw it out of the group.

As a political scientist, you are doubtless the best person to point up the opportunities and challenges provided by the present Federal Administration. Also being based in Atlanta, you are the person best qualified to describe the period of preparation for orderly transition accomplished by the Atlanta Public Schools. Also tell legal hurdles already crossed!

Gil Roland has been documenting the growth in South Carolina of neo-fascist and other rightist groups. Mac Secrest is keenly interested in industrialization and the area redevelopment program. He is one of the Cheraw representatives on the S. C. State Chamber of Commerce Board. As a newspaperman, we have called upon him also to make comments covering the use of mass media in forming public opinion.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

Let your presentation be informal. We hope to use the morning period for drawing out workshop participants, especially those identified with our seven local councils, as to their interests, needs, and problems. This will involve brief reports from them.

The enclosed tentative outline for the Afternoon Session will be self-explanatory. We are taking the liberty of listing you as the Leader of Group III. The number of participants in this Discussion Group may determine whether you wish to subdivide further. Dr. Wil Lou Gray is keenly interested in housing for the aged and could lead a small group in that interest. I prophesy that Orangeburg and Rock Hill participants, maybe Greenville and Columbia also, may wish to discuss the experience of Southern cities that have de-segrated their libraries, rest room, and eating facilities. You will, of course, have ~~up to~~ to date information on the recent ICC rulling concerning terminal facilities.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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Enclosure

AFTERNOON SESSION
2:00 - 4:00

Suggested emphases for discussion groups:

I. Frontiers in Public Education In South Carolina : Technical Training, Challenges to Segregation, etc.

Leader - Mrs. T.J. Ledeen

II. Economic Development, Job Opportunities, and Area Redevelopment.

Leader - A.M. Secrest

III. Moving Ahead in Community Development: Housing, Urban Renewal, Law Enforcement, and Use of Public Facilities.

Leader - Paul Rilling

IV. Role of the Citizen: Formation of Public Opinion, Civic and Political Participation.

Leader - Gil Rowland

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SUMMARY

October 2, 1961

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I enjoyed participating in your workshop Saturday and was impressed with the tone and spirit of the group.

I've been invited to come to Voorhees Junior College sometime in November. I would be happy to do this if you see it as particularly useful and if I could come at a time when I could perhaps meet another need at the same time. Would you recommend that I come? Would the week of November 13th seem agreeable?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:gm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

October 5, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. NW
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Serena Staggers at Vorrhees is a human dynamo, and is doinga good job with the student seminar. I am glad she has invited you and hope that you will be able to speak to her group. In answer to your question as to a possible combination of appointments around the date suggested by her, this is to advise that the statewide student group will not be holding a planning meeting until October 14. At this time, it would seem more likely that a fruitful combination of appointments might be worked out to better advantage leter in the year. I doubt seriously that Miss Staggers has filled her program many meetings ahead. Thus, I would hope that she would consider a flexible arrangement with you and that the three of us might satisfactorily get together.

Won't you make a special effort to answer my last letter to you, in which I raised the question about formalizing through the by-laws the affiliation agreement between local councils and SCCHR? Also, I would like an answer to our questions concerning personnel matters. I hope you may find it possible to give this your promot attention.

Thank you very much for a find job you did at our meeting on Sept, 30. I know of few people who can give a more concise, accurate and objective background study than one Paul Rilling!!

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman per cah

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

October 17, 1961

Mrs. Alice Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

In answer to your letter of September 20:

(1) Anyone can secure a permit for bulk mailing. It costs nothing, and enables your mailings of materials to be paid for by the pound rather than by the piece. It involves preparing the materials and bundling for each community. It is generally not worth bothering with unless you are involved in large mailings. It is at least possible that Bill mailed Southern School News under the newspaper rate rather than the second class mail rate. I did not note how he handled it. It may be that you were thinking of the non-profit mailing permit. SRC has not been able to secure such a permit, but several of the state and local groups have done so. To obtain a non-profit permit you have to apply to the Post Office, which rules on whether or not you fall into the category entitled to such a permit. If you have such a permit, you pay so much for a year and have to prepare your materials in bundles per locality, in the same way as you would for bulk mailing. There are definite postal savings involved in the non-profit permit, but they would be quite minimal unless you were mailing several thousand pieces of mail a month in such a way that they could be prepared and bundled as noted above.

(2) I find that I do not have up-to-date by-laws of all the state councils. I will try to get these soon. I am enclosing some recent material from Virginia and Tennessee that relates to your question concerning local councils. I think a fair generalization would be that local groups are generally affiliated with the state council by action of the state board or executive committee, that such local groups are always prohibited from political

activity or any action contrary to the policy of the state council, that sometimes some financial contribution is made a condition for affiliation and sometimes not. Florida adopted last year a new system of agreement of affiliation. I do not seem to have a copy of it here. You might write to Bill Williams about it.

(5) We reimburse automobile travel at the rate of .08¢ per mile. I believe that most of the state councils do the same. I'm afraid that I do not have complete salary data on all of the state councils. I know that the salary is $6,000 in Georgia, $6,500 in Alabama, $7,500 in Virginia, and $7,500 or even a little higher in North Carolina. It is $6,000 in Florida. That's the best I can do at present.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

September 20, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
SRC - 5 Forsyth St.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Within the next few days we shall have plans for the Septemner 30 workshop firmed up sufficiently to route them to you for your reaction, before finally firming.

Meantime, there are a few items on which we need your thinking as follows:

1. I notice that the Forida CHR was able to mail the August iss ue of SOUTHERN SCHOOL NEWS for 4 cents, whereas it had cost us 6 cents. I presume that Bill Williams has secured a permit for bulk mailing. Shorely after we were set up, I consulted SRC for advice growing out of its long experience in mailing literature. At that time, I was advised that the clerical cost in meeting the mailing requirements for bundling, of mailing a minimum of 200 pieces at the time, etc., were greater than the amount saved by the special mailing permit. It may be that there is some new light on this subject and that we should consider securing a permit, if you advise.

2. Because SCCHR inherited a pattern of loosely affiliated local councils from the S. C. division of SRC, our by-laws do not set forth a basis, or bases of affiliation. Because there are several communities in which we are hoping to formalize local council groups, I feel that it would help to learn through you the experience of other state organizations and to have your opinion as to a more formalized basis of affiliation.

3. Your last Newsletter was helpful. I find particularly significant your analysis of trends and report of recent resources. The Newsletter just prior to this last one was norable in this respect.

4. Several of our local councils are in the process of naming new officers. As soon as our list is up-to-date, I shall send this information to you. Thank you for your offer to mail the SRC Newsletter to our local council officers. I believe, on the basis of your offer that I prefer to request that this be done not on a regular basis, but by special order which I would route to you immediately when the contents of the Newsletter will seem of sufficiently broad interest to warrant this larger mailing.

5. Our state chairman has raised the question with me of fringe benefits as outlined by you in a previous Newsletter. I understand that he hopes to have a discussion of this matter at the next executive committee meeting, the date of which has not yet been set. Libby Ledeen and I will be looking into the matter of group health insurance. We shall appreciate it if you will let us know the rate at which staff travel is reimbursed by the various state councils. Also, it might be well to have information as to the salary being paid staff in the various state councils.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman per cah

Alice N. Spearman, Exec.Dir.

ANS/cah

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Dear Paul — A-Sp

High gear for Program Workshop 9/30 and for annual meeting (many angles: business, program, et al) 11/2 plus loss of half-time secretarial assistance since 8/10 accounts for delay in shaping up narrative report for 3rd quarter. Even faithful ole sister Hickman has dropped out with a breast operation and Libby is still harassed with "adopted son" problems!

Interestingly our Comm on Econ and Employment

had proposed and we'd lined up a swell symposium on Merit Employment for the night of 11/2. Then, the management participant fell on his face and was followed shortly by the labor representative. We've been picking up pieces and reorienting the night program which I believe will be ~~good~~. — perhaps significant! The Oct. newsletter will give further details and I'll either write or tell you more fully on 11/8-9. I do plan to attend,

barring any unforeseen interference!

I'll get the report to you as soon after the annual mtg as possible — before, if I can. Finance report enclosed —

Thanks for your understanding and indulgence —

Yours in a state of suspended animation,

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November 3, 1961

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Serena Staggers continues to press me concerning a date for the Voorhees speaking engagement. She suggests January 4th. Would this tie in with any other consultation or activities that I might have with you or with any of your groups? If not, is there any other date which might be useful to you? As you know, I hesitate to spend the travel funds just for the one engagement at Voorhees.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

November 29, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regiona Council
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

We are delighted that you are to be with us at our Board Meeting which will be held at the Methodist Center, 1420 Lady Street in the Conference Room, #204, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

We want you to make a presentation from twenty to thirty minutes and then allow time for questions and for discussion in which we will need your participation.

I have just dictated a letter to Paul Anthony and ask that he call it to your attention. I did not have time to "polish the apple" and I had a number of interruptions but believe that the letter to Anthony may amplify our ideas in a way to be helpful to you in planning your presentation at the Board Meeting.

My personal regards to Mrs. Rilling. We look forward to seeing you next Friday.

Sincerely,

Alice Spearman (mb)

Alice Spearman,
Executive Director

Dictated but signed in Mrs. Spearman absence.

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December 19, 1961

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We would very much appreciate your securing some information for us about a military base in South Carolina. Concerning the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, could you find answers to the following questions?

1. Do Negro families live on the base?

2. If there are schools on the base, are they segregated? By this I mean do Negroes actually attend whether or not the schools are officially open.

3. Are there off-base schools near the base which serve exclusively or overwhelmingly military personnel? If so, are they segregated?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

ST. HELENA ISLAND

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

January 4, 1962

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

Dear Paul,

Alice Spearman just called about information of the Parris Island Recruit Depot; seems as if she sent something that nexer arrived about this, so here are the answers:

First of all, you probably understand the military set uphhere. There are
Parris Island Marine Recruit Depot--has its own(partial) housing and school
Marine Corps Air Base--hasits own housing (partiaa) Housing mostly bachelors but some families
U. S. Naval Hospital--own housing on grounds
Laurel Bay (Capehart Housing Area) Has 1100 homes on site away from bases but houses military personnel of both Parris Island and Air Base and Naval Hospital

Now, as to specific questions:

(1) Do Negro families live on Parris Island base?
Yes, they live on P.I. base, and also in Laurel Bay (I presume they live also at Air Base and Naval Hospital, but do not know; can find out if you like)Latest bulletin: Negroes do reside at Air Base with families; informant says very little housing at Naval Base, mainly for doctors, with rest of personnel also in Laurel Bay; she has never seen a Negro corpsman, though she feels sure there must be.

(2) Schools:
There is a school on Parris Island through 8th grade to which only PI dependants go--and is integrated.
Informant feels that Naval Hospital children taken to public schools, but doesn't think any Negroes actuall y living at Hospital. Can find out this if you like.
Hamilton School at Laurel Bay. School build by county(with Federal Money) just outside Laurel Bay and operated by County until August, 1961, on segregated basis; Negro children were taken in to Negro public schools in Beaufort.
During summer and last Spring, when several Negro parents insisted that children be admitted to Hamilton this past September, negotiations went on between county and Marines for Navy to take over school. Harold Fleming was contacted to see what could be done about keeping the school a public one and integrated; he had important conversations with people in Justice and Defense depts; negotiations between county and Marines had gone too far to stop transfer. However, 2 Negro teachers were hired in school. Statistical summary of Southern School News, Nov. 61, report enrollment of 819 whites, 26 Negroes, 4 Amer. Indians, 3 Malayans, and 1 Mongolian. (Also report attendance at PIschool: 285 white, 15 Negroes.)

Personnel at Laurel Bay and Air Base have to attend Hamilton School. However, after finishing schools at P.I. and Hamilton, students taken to segregated public schools, where they are in the minority.

I believe that this covers the questions raised, so would like to know if any other information desireable.

Best Regards,

ccA. Spearman

Guess who did the typing!!

January 12, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I'm saving the dates of February 20 and 22 for a visit to South Carolina; however, February is an extremely busy month, so if there is anything you can do to arrange these two meetings - Voorhees Junior College and Jasper County - on successive days, I would appreciate it.

Do you have any guidance as to the kind of talk which would be appropriate in Jasper County?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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January 17, 1962

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The enclosed correspondence relates to a suggestion from the South Carolina Council that we cooperate with them in a study of the administration of federal agricultural programs in South Carolina. This would include the Rural Development Program, the Farmers Home Administration loans, the Area Redevelopment Program of the Department of Commerce, etc. Indications are that agricultural loan programs are handled by local communities in such a way as to be discriminatory. I hope that we can cooperate with this effort for the following reasons:

1. The problem of federal assistance in this area is vital to the agricultural regions of the South and little attention has been given to possible discrimination in this area.

2. We have been saying lately that SRC needs to give more attention to rural areas in the South. This would be a good opportunity to make a significant contribution in this direction.

I would suggest that such a project might be handled after the pattern of the recent Houston employment study. In other words, someone in South Carolina would be commissioned to handle the research, but under close supervision by SRC. I think this would be more realistic than suggestion number 1 in Alice Spearman's letter of December 29.

Ira Kaye might be the pepper person to handle this research, but I suspect he would not accept the assignment at our normal rates. I suspect that others equally qualified would.

I am not sure that Alice's suggestion number 6, that the research include other federal agencies, would be wise.

The South Carolina Council wants a reaction from us quick. I hope that we can respond within a few days and initiate correspondence or an interview with Mr. Kaye shortly.

SRC-SCC Correspondence attached.

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

January 18, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Just a "quickie" to let you know that Serena Staggers has already scheduled a two-day Family Life Institute for February 22 and 23. It is, therefore, likely that we shall have to re-adjust the schedule with you. I have raised the question as to whether she would like to arrange for some other evening during that week in February and have not yet had a reply. In order to expedite things it might be well for you to ~~support~~ supply us with dates in the following several weeks of February 26, March 5, March 12 when you have a Thursday evening free. The Voorhees seminars are always held on Thursdays. The Jasper-Beaufort Chapter will adjust to the Voorhees schedule if they can know ahead of time. They will hold meeting on Wednesday or Friday evening to put your two dates in successive days.

I am enclosing a copy of our December 2nd Board Meeting minutes.

We are eager to have an immediate reply, if possible, to the letter I wrote you in December concerning the research project to be undertaken hopefully by Mr. Ira Kaye. We shall appreciate your prompt attention and help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alice

Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

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SC - a. Sp.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

January 24, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Just a quickie! This to confirm that the Beaufort and Jasper Councils are expecting you for their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 20 at 8 P.M.-- place to be confirmed.

Further-- Serena Staggers has phoned, saying that they will push the date of their seminar forward to Wednesday evening, February 21, in order to save you a day, and thus avoid conflict with a previously scheduled Family Life Institute which they will hold on February 22.

You may prefer to fly directly to Savannah and come up from there for the meeting of the Beaufort and Jasper Councils. Otherwise, I shall be glad to take you from here. I should like to meet you at Voorhees and possibly at the meeting in Jasper or Beaufort. We can firm this up when I see you on February 15 or 16.

I shall comply with your request as to areas in which the Jasper and Beaufort groups are most in need of help later.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman per cah

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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January 29, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Concerning the enclosed note cards:

1. This means that in the total South between 1950 and 1956 there was an out-migration of some one million persons of whom approximately one-half were white.

2. This means that rural Negroes in the Deep South are in a weak political position with little leverage. They are not only uneducated and generally unorganized, but represent to increasing degrees surplus and unnecessary labor.

3. This means that the problem can be solved in the long run through urbanization and industrialization. This is what it means, but I'm not sure it's necessarily true.

We are considering the discussing the research project and will have word for you shortly. Excuse the delay. The mills grind slowly but....

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL
January 30, 1963

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I thought it might be helpful for you to have something in writing that you could read to your board about the proposed agricultural project. The situation is, at the moment, as follows:

We are quite interested in cooperating in some research into rural and agricultural problems. The proposal of the South Carolina Council is receiving active consideration by SRC staff and a specific response will be forthcoming within the next two or three weeks.

The delay so far is due to the fact that several proposals in the area of rural research are under consideration and we are thinking in terms of setting priorities and possibly combinging several of these proposals.

The chances are excellent that we will be able to work something out with the South Carolina Council concerning the type of research you have proposed.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

February 12, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
5 Forsyth St. NW
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

We are eager to pull together a group in Charleston, to talk with you concerning local organization in the event of a court order for desegregation of the schools there.

It has been impossible for me to clinch any of this, lacking information from you of the block of time from 7:30 P.N. February 20 through 9:00 P.M. February 21.

Please confirm this by station-to-station phone, A L 6-8808 tomorrow (Tuesday) if possible, so that we may proceed to clinch the plans for Charleston for the morning or afternoon of February 21.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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February 22, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Mr. J. J. Brewbaker, our Public School Consultant, indicates that he will be visiting school superintendents in Greenville and Spartanburg in April. We would appreciate it if you could send us any background information relating to the school situation in these cities which would help Brewbaker in his conferences.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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Copy sent to SC-AS Brewbaker MM

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

February 27, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. NE
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Many, many thanks for the good job you did in South Carolina last week. Sorry the weather did not add to the brightness of our feeling in having you.

I was glad you told me that the employment of Mr. Kaye has been approved by Dr. Dunbar, Dr. Moss and you. However, I should like to know from whom we are to receive confirmation of this and details as to how we shall proceed.

Our Economics and Employment Committee met on Saturday afternoon, February 24. Because there are many immediate problems which have arisen in connection with the setting up of the 23 Area Development Administration (ADA) committees in 23 South Carolina counties, we were unable to explore as fully as we shall need to do, the possibility of labor surveys in one or more South Carolina areas. We are convinced of the need and desirability of such a survey, but cannot give time immediately to formulating ideas and plans. Therefore, I am suggesting that Ira Kaye and I might better plan to come to Atlanta as soon as we shall have learned needed details concerning the activities in which Mr. Kaye will be engaged.

I want to come in order to get a little help with the proposals for foundation grants which we have discussed with you, previously. We believe that the time is about right to formalize these proposals. Assistance from you and/or Paul Anthony is needed and will be appreciated.

I am delighted to know that Mr. J.J. Brewbaker will be visiting school superintendents in Greenville and Spartanburg in April. You asked for background information relating to the school situation in these cities. Because there have been no evidences or reports in recent years of proposed applications by Negroes, I am not currently in as close association as I was for several years following the 1954 decision. There is a little information which I should like to share, however:

1: Dr. Goggins, the immediate past director of the Green Schools, is quite liberal and a fine ally. I am under the impression he may have gotten on a limb with his board prior to his retirement. Mr. Brewbaker will be able to contact Dr. Goggins through Furman University, where I believe he is now teaching. I think his initials are W.S. In any case, Dr. L. P. Hollis, who lives on Augusta Road and whose mailing address is Box 1377, Greenville, S.C., is superintendent emeritus of the Parker District School. He can not only provide contact with Dr. Goggins, but with the current County Director and the Superintendent of the Greenville and Parker District schools. Dr. Hollis is a warm personal friend of mine and a member of our board of directors.

2: About three years ago, when the state conference of the NAA CP branches met in Greenville, there was a lot of fanfare which was reported by the local press. The Rev. I. D. Newman, who was then President and currently is director, stated that applications would be made shortly by parents to the School Board. Upon personal inquiry, I learned that one or two families in a rural area of Greenvills County had expressed a willingness to make such an application. I do not believe that the matter went any further.

3: The Sterling High School in Greenville is considered top flight. The vocational guidance teacher, a Mrs. Grimes, who has held important offices with the Palmetto Education Association, would respond to the fact that Mr. Solomon serves on the SRC board.

4: Mr. McCracken is the Spartanburg Superintendent of city s chools. The Columbia superintendent told me that he is a North Carolinian and entirely committed to moving ahead. Unfortunately, Dr. George Johnson, M.D., has been and may still be c hairman of his board. Dr. Johnson is politically oriented, being tied closely to the Byrnes faction. He has a highly emotional orientation which expresses itself in terms of sex fears to an abnormal degree.

5: Mr. Roger Milliken of the Milliken chain of mills, now resides in Spartanburg. He serves on both the board of trustees at Wofford and Converse collecges. Both stu dents and faculty at the two colleges tell me he exercises a controlling rightist influence not only on the colleges but the entire city which is quite alarming. I am not aware whether he personally touches the administra tion of the public schools, but this might be looked into.

6: The Spartanburg Foundation, of which Mr. Charles Lea is executive secretary, contributes further to holding the line in Spartanburg— or so Negro leaders think. Mr. Lea himself himself is a former Scout executive who knows Spartanburg well. He has a somewhat liberal orientation and might be a persom who could give a fair analysis of the likelihood of movement in Spartanburg and potentialities for positive assistance.

7: There is another organization headed by a very fine man from North Carolina, whom I consult when in Spartanburg. I believe his organization is called the Spartanburg Council. I shall make an effort to locate his name in my file and route it to you before April.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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March 1, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman;

Paul Rilling is out of the office until the middle of next week, and I am writing you to acknowledge your letter of February 27 to him. Thank you so very much for the background information for Mr. Brewbaker. It will surely be a great help.

I raised your question about confirmation of and details on the employment of Mr. Kaye with Jim Moss, and he promised to write you immediately.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

* and Mr. Kaye

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March 20, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice;

I have not forgotten our discussions suggesting that I might spend some time in Charleston. I believe I could best do this for two or three days the week of April 16 or the latter part of the week of May 7. I will fit into the situation in any way you think best, since you are the one in the best position to judge. I believe that my own preference would be to go in alone and spend the time talking intensively to various people that you would suggest, getting as clear a picture as possible, and dropping suggestions back and forth. Of course, the important thing is what would help the situation, not what I would prefer to do, and I certainly would have no objection to a work shop situation.

The name of the Charleston Rabbi who wrote us a while back is, by the way, Burton L. Padell. He has apparently been working closely with the Unitarian minister there and others.

I hope you had good luck on your recent fund hunting trip to New York and I hope that Paul Anthony was able to be helpful with the framing of the requests.

Jim Moss has not yet heard from Mr. Kaye. I hope this works out satisfactorily and soon.

I enjoyed my recent trip to South Carolina and believe that I have a better feel of the state and of your problems.

I find myself wondering again when it is that you rest.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Billing
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

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Dear Paul,

Libby and I are leaving tomorrow for a student conference at Penn. I have a conference at Greenville for Congressional District # 4 on Sunday afternoon. The dist. confs. are coming one a week. With heavy demands otherwise it's too much of a stretch out. Wish us well.

We are leaving the 1st quarterly report with the stenog. next door who vows she will mail it to you promptly. Hope she won't do any worse than we have. We won't have an opportunity to proof read it--- so send it back if it's too bad. We'd have polished further next week, but need our $925 at your earliest convenience! Perhaps in Virginia you didn't have any such emergencies.....

Mrs. Hickman is ill. I'll answer your good letter next week. Sorry for the delay.

Every good wish to you and Mrs. R.

Cordially yours,

Alice

ALICE N. SPEARMAN

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

April 5, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

I am delighted that you find it possible to spend a few days in Charleston, either the week of April 16 or the latter part of the week of May 7. Either time that you prefer will be fine with us. Also, we would like you to work in line with your own preference, alone, and talking intensively to people who would help you get as clear a picture as possible. I am sure you could drop some good suggestions and get some which would help us tremendously. As to the workshop, we hope to hold a Congressional District No. 1 conference in Charleston or Beaufort before the end of June. As I see it, you could do excellent spade work for this conference.

I shall enclose, or send under separate letter, copies of correspondence from Mrs. M.E. Fields, President of the S.C. Federation of Colored Womens Clubs, who is very knowledgeable and works well with a wide variety of people in Charleston. When would you want an annotated list of persons whom you might interview? I believe also it would be well for us to share with you briefly our bojectives for the Congressional Distrint conferences.

We thank you for your good wishes concerning our New York trip. I am optimistic but realize the long-range nature of our work.

Mr. Kaye phoned me that he hoped to see Jim Moss in Atlanta on April 2, Otherwise it would be late April before he dould do so. To date, I have had no report either from him or Mr. Moss. Any insight or information you can share with me will be appreciated.

There are two matters on which I hope you can get immediate action for me: 1) we need the Atlanta address of the Sears Roebuck Foundation right away; 2) we need the address of the Federal Credit Union office based in Atlanta--name of a key contact, and descriptive material on the functions and scope of this office. ?

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Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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Federal Employee's Credit Union
83 Walton St. NW

None listed in Foundation directory, phone book - 3333 Arlington St. Chicago 7, Ill. is only address -
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April 11, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We can find no Atlanta address for the Sears Roebuck Foundation, either in the Foundation Directory or the Atlanta phone book, or the city directory. The only address we have is 3333 Arthington Street, Chicago 7, Illinois.

We have been so far unable to get any data from or on the Federal Credit Union here. They state by phone that they will reply only to written requests. You could write them c/o Federal Employee's Credit Union, 83 Walton Street, N.W.. (or P.O. Box 1544.) I will try to re-check this through contacts of ours here who are federal employees.

Ira Kaye did consult with Jim Moss and others here April 2. We have made him a definite offer of assistance, a carbon of which is being mailed to you.

Several complications and changes in Les Dunbar's travel schedule have forced me to revise mine somewhat. My present plans call for me to be in Charleston for several days the beginning of the week of May 14. I think we can make these dates quite definite if they seem satisfactory to you. A week or two before that time I would like your suggestions as to persons to see, questions to ask, and general guidance.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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April 23, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We thought your recent Quarterly report indicated a range of activities unusually broad even for the South Carolina Council. Let me know how you come out with your conferences in Congressional Districts. The Alabama Council and one or two others are considering some format of regional meetings.

In your next financial quarterly statement, give us some idea how you stand on your Schwarzhaupt and other foundation accounts.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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April 27, 1962

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Director Voter Education Project
Room 206 - 5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Branton:

Thank you for your good letter of April 19 concerning my inquiry referred to you by Raul Anthony.

Of the five major agencies, the NAACP, National Urban League, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Congress of Racial Equality, and Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the NAACP is the only one with any significant roots in South Carolina. So far as I know, there has never been an Urban League in the State. SCLC has two board members. CORE assisted the student sit-ins on a short term basis, but evidently lacked staff resources for follow-up and follow-through. SNCC formerly had one representative from South Carolina who met monthly in Atlanta. Recently, however, this contact has not existed. Doubtless there will be a few South Carolina students to participate in the meeting in Atlanta on the 28th.

The NAACP have had a full time director for the past several years who has apparently worked hard to recoup the losses which that organization suffered following the Supreme Court decision on school segregation in 1954. Members of numerous local units signed petitions to school boards in their respective communities, for which many of them suffered economic and other types of reprisals. Because of the highly prejudiced treatment by politicians and the press, the NAACP has had an uphill fight to get public identification as members, numerous persons who would doubtless like to be active.

I give you the above information in line with a suggestion received today in a newsletter from Paul Rilling. Also, it is important that you have this information in the light of considering our request for financial assistance from the Voter Education Project.

In a state where many people, both Negro and white, act conservatively and are both confused and fearful, it is possible for a bi-racial organization to play a unique and significant role. This I believe the South Carolina Council on Human Relations does in South Carolina. The Council is unique,

not only in the support and prestige which it enjoys, but also in the generous behind-scenes support and cooperation it is able to get both from governmental and voluntary agencies.

SCCHR has been cooperating fully and engaging in some joint programs in voter education with SCLC, especially in assisting Mrs. Septima Clark in making contacts and in recruiting teacher trainees. Furthermore, the Council and SCLC held jointly at Dorchester Center in McIntosh, Ga., a student workshop on voter registration. Subsequently teams of Negro college students are making their services available to adult groups where such are requested. The Council is helping to motivate groups to make use of these student teams.

A chronic ailment reported by all of us who have played any role at all in citizenship education is the need for motivating participation; why should I vote, for whom shall I vote, what are the issues? It is at this point that the Council has a unique role to play. We are called upon almost daily for services in line with the above, for which we are the agency best equipped.

In many cases, securing of information about State and Federal programs being initiated in South Carolina, and getting information about them to the persons for whom they are intended, is the most delicate job. I believe that this is highly important and directly related to motivating voter participation. The opportunities and demands have increased far beyond the limited resources of the Council personnel. We are, therefore, asking that the salary of a full-time person be assigned to us who, under my directionand with my assistance may make possible the development and enlargement of the Council's significant role and through the Council the enrichment of the extensive voter registration work in South Carolina which you state SCLC, NAACP, and CORE plan.

Frankly, it would seem to me that assistance is already needed in helping to coordinate the efforts of the several groups which are launching stepped-up campaigns. Regretfully, as is too often the case, a spirit of competition rather than cooperation and correlation develops.

Please let me have your reaction to this request at as early a date as possible. We are experiencing a growing sense of movement and are overwhelmed by the positive potentialities. <u>We need help</u>!

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Exevutive Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

May 4, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

My apology for the delay in answering the questions raised in your memorandum concerning suggestions made at the February staff meeting in Atlanta.

1. I would welcome any type of staff meeting this summer which might be planned. I feel that it would have sufficient value to justify financial participation from our limited funds. Needless to say, we would hope that SRC would be able to contribute toward the expense item.

While I feel that a camp atmosphere would be relaxing, I feel that the contacts, stimulation, and new ideas gotten at Fisk each summer would determine my own preference for attending the Fisk morning programs and setting aside each afternoon for state staff meetings. Nevertheless, wherever the meetings are held, careful planning of a serious nature would add greatly to the value of the meetings.

2. I definitely feel that it would be well to have the next regular staff meeting lengthened. While I consider these regular annual meetings most valuable, I have seldom felt that we have come to grips basically with many of the underlying problems and needs of the state councils. There is not enough frank and basic discussion, I feel.

3. Perhaps SRC and your office may be able to provide better services and support in the future, if and when the type of experiences I have suggested above can be provided.

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I feel personally that very little of the activity of SRC is geared directly to the needs, problems or opportunities existing in South Carolina. There are numerous line services which we need. Doubtless SRC resources are too limited to make these available. In any case, your present program and emphasis seem to crowd out the possibility of providing them. Perhaps I am the only state staff person who feels this, or I may just be the only person frank enough to express it. It might be interesting to know how others may feel.

You may recall a suggestion which I made at the state staff conference in February, that a workshop on rural problems, needs and challenges would have immediate value. I feel that there are numerous knowledgeable persons on the SRC board, Dr. Gomillion for example, and others whose skills and talents might be more effectively made use of. The truth is, I doubt

seriously if any of us have experimented sufficiently in making use of the volunteer services which might be available to enrich our work. How do we develop a sense of movement? More importantly, how do we achieve it? The forces of reaction seem to be gaining momentum and strength continuously. What beginnings have we made to pull together and help to make articulate the constructive forces of the South?

Cordially,

Alice N. Spearman per cah

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

May 4, 1962

Mr. paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

I have a difficult personal situation to which you may be able to give some SOS assistance. Mr. Spearman is critically ill at the Veterans Hospital. The prognosis is not hopeful and it is difficult for me to know from day to day what I shall be free to do.

We have scheduled a District Conference in Greenville at St. Anthony's Parish House, 307 Gower Street, for Sunday, May 13. Because Fred Reese and I have been the persons in the organization who have worked most closely with the long-range objectives behind the conferences, we had planned to make brief persentations, after which persons in attendance were to meet in small groups to plan concrete and definite responses in programs and projects. Confidentially, I doubt if Fred has gotten the feel of the overall state situation sufficiently to handle this entirely on his own. If I should have to drop out, do you think you could be in readiness to pinch-hit for me? Naturally, we shall have to do a slightly different thing than we had planned. However, it would hearten me if I might know of your availability, or that of Paul Anthony. In either case, I should like to write you more fully after I know what may be possible for you or him.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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P.S. If Dr. J.J. Brubaker has not yet been to Spartanburg, I would like to add another name to the list which I sent you on February 27. It is that of Mr. Paul E. Parks, Executive Secretary, United Community Chest and Council of Spartanburg County, Spartanburgm S.C. I hope to be able to send you the annotated list for Charleston before you go there.

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May 7, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We were extremely sorry to hear of Mr. Spearman's illness and of course we are anxious to ease the burden on you in any way possible. I am committed to a meeting on May 12 and would have difficulty getting to Greenville for the meeting May 13. Paul Anthony, however, indicates that he would be happy to come if needed.

Alice, why don't you just consider taking a few weeks off from your work in view of your personal situation?? Perhaps it would be better for me to cancel the Charleston trip and be available to fill in for you for any commitment you may have during the next several weeks. It must be quite hard to carry on with routine appointments under these circumstances.

If you do still want me to go to Charleston, I plan to go on Monday, the 14th, and spend approximately 3 days there. I don't want to add to your burdens, but if I do go, would it be wise for me to come by Columbia Monday morning for several hours of briefing by you? This is probably not really necessary, but I thought it might help me to get specific tips and guidelines in more detail than you could write.

Thank you for your comments concerning a possible summer staff meeting, etc.. I have still only heard from about half of the state directors in response to that memo. I will try to tabulate the responses in the Newsletter later this month. So far there has been a considerable range of disagreement on both the possible summer meeting and the

possible longer winter meeting. I agree with you that we do need to have more frank and basic discussion at these meetings.

I have not forgotten the workshop on rural problems. I hope to be able to give you some word on this this month, although the workshop itself will not be held until this fall. I believe that we can arrange and finance the workshop, but that state councils will have to pay expenses for state directors.

Again, Alice, please let us know how we can ease the burdens on you at this time.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

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Dear Paul,

Thank you so much for your good letter. It is hard for me to know how to reply Tell Paul Anthony that I received a letter today from Fred Reese and he seems to have everything lined up for the Greenville meeting, so I doubt that we shall have to call upon him. Thank him for his willingness to help.

Now about the Charleston trip, I'd like to have you make it now if still a good time for you. As far as I know now, I shall be able to see you for a few hours on Monday a.m. and think it well that we do confer. It might be well for me to have your 'phone number at home, if you think I'd have any trouble reaching you there through the telephone operator--- just in case things should develop for the worse more rapidly than we expect.

I spent this afternoon at the hospital and Gene's condition is deteriorating rapidly. Visitors are not allowed until 12:30 p.m. or after 8 p.m. He has about lost his voice so I have been staying with him except when I had previous appointments which seemed best to keep, but have been able to keep up with some reading, correspondence, planning etc.

I apprecaite your advice about time off and would take it if Gene were able to be at home.....

Will expect to see you Monday a.m. unless I hear to the contrary....

Appreciatively,

Alice

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May 22, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I enjoyed my visit to Charleston and felt that I learned a lot, although, as you will note from the report, I did run out of time and was unable to see a number of people that I should have seen. One becomes involved in these situations and if you think it a good idea, I would like to drop back by Charleston in June. I think that next time one or two of the white people will offer to pull a group together for me and I think this would be useful. I will try to concentrate more on white contacts on my next trip.

Let me know your thinking on this.

Concerning your letter of May 16, I certainly would like to see you use Mr. Williams in your summer program and I know that he would be useful. I am afraid that the Field contingency fund is very small and has to be dribbled out in portions of $50 to $100 for special projects. If this kind of assistance would be helpful in obtaining Mr. Williams, let me know. More I'm afraid we cannot do.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

May 16, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

It was good having you visit us, and especially to have you undertake exploratory contacts in Charleston. I await with interest a report from you.

We continue our interest in using the services of Freddie Williams, about whom I told you. He is a rising junior at Morris College, Sumter, altho he is 23 years of age and has done his stint in the military service. You will recall that he attended the Encampment for Citizenship in New York last summer. He has been elected to serve as the president of the S.C. Student Council on Human Relations.

His deputation work in the adult community has been both effective and impressive. We are eager to use him in our office, in order to orient him as fully as possible to the many state and local resources which Negro groups need to be using directly. Obviously, there are other angles as well.

It occurred to me after hearing you say that you have a small contingent fund for program than you might be able to spare a small sum which we would attempt to raise funds to match. On today's mail I have written Freddie to ask him how much he must make this summer. Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman per cah
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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May 29, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I do plan to try and get back to Charleston before leaving on vacation. I thought I might do this during the week of June 4 through 8, but this is still uncertain because of some office problems here. I'll keep you informed.

Thank you for your help with the Journal of Intergroup Relations. For some reason they seem to be out of subscription forms and brochures, but do have sample copies. Marge thought she had sent you two copies of the Journal. We are sending on some more (10).

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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P.S. If Mr. Williams is able to work for you in June we will be happy to contribute $100 if you still need it after your recent windfall.

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

May 31, 1962

Dear Paul,

This is just a quickie to tell you that we have earned to date $ 1,637.13 toward the $2,300.00 which we may match on a dollar-to-dollar basis, and have additional pledges. This report is bein g sent an a SOS in order that we may receive this partial payment at your earliest convenience and thus enable us to retain in the building and loan association, funds which will pay a dividend as of June 30th. Hope this can be done.

We have offered Freddie Williams work for the month of June and gratefully accept your offer of help to the amount of $100 toward the project on which he will be working. More of this as soon as we have a reply to our offer. He has previously written of his keen interest in working with us.

Gene Sr.'s condition continues to worsen; the spread seems to be heading toward the brain--- God forbid! With it all he continues to show some vitality. Thanks for your interest and understanding.

Sincerely,

Alice

Alice N. Spearman

Base Point - $2,000
Up to $4,300 -
$2,300

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June 1, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council
on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Congratulations on your Field grant. I knew that if it could be done, you would do it.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field
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June 4, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice,

Send us quickly a statement of total funds raised locally since you began your fund raising drive in November. It seems that I need such a statement to shake loose the matching funds which you can already claim. Break it down by membership and contributions so that we can have the proper documentation for the files for the treasurer and auditor.

If I am to go to Charleston before I leave on vacation, the only time would seem to be early next week, June 11 and 12. If you see no objection, I think I will go ahead and plan the trip on these dates.

Again, all here send there deepest sympathies to you at this time.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

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AS

June 5, 1962

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
3401 Brookwood Court
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We have just learned here of your husband's death. All members of the SRG staff extend their heartfelt sympathies, as do Miggie and I.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling

SC - AS

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

June 18, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

I await your report on Charleston with interest. Thank you again for your helpfulness in working to open things up there.

It was good talking with you on Friday. I also talked with others who helped me tie up a lot of loose ends.

Your days will doubtless be full in preparation for your European trip. However, this is an urgent request that, if possible, you wrap up for mimeographing the material you have been preparing relative to the organization and functioning of local councils. ~~Both~~ Gil Rowland and I will find this invaluable just at this time.

Best of wishes to you and Miggie.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
per cah

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

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June 19, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, Sotuh Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am enclosing a copy of the Virginia program, as you requested.

The Alabama Council has operated somewhat through district organizations. These are broken down into:

West Tenn. Valley	West Black Belt
East Tenn. Valley	East Black Belt
West Piedmont	Montgomery
East Piedmont	Wiregrass
Birmingham	Mobile

Each district has a chairman and elects representatives to the state board. The Tennessee Valley districts have some local organizations within them. The Black Belt districts do not. The three major cities are districts unto themselves. This is an effort to serve the entire state. I know that Bob Hughes used to always report that there were one or two districts that were defunct or unorganized at any given time, depending on conditions and local leadership. I have the impression that some of the districts did little more than meet once a year, and others were more active. Local organizations have been maintained in Birmingham, Mobile, and Montgomery.

I have had no direct report on the organizational condition since Norman Jimerson became director. I assume the same set up is being followed.

We are enclosing the $100.00 contribution toward the project on which Freddie Williams will be employed, which was mentioned in earlier correspondence.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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June 21, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, Stouh Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am enclosing the report on my recent Charleston trip. I had some difficulty in that virtually everyone I called was unable to see me on the first day and I had to squeeze them all in on the second day. I enjoyed the contacts there and feel that there is a possibility for developing an interracial committee or otherwise strengthening interracial communication.

It does not look as though the material on the organization of local councils will get out to the state directors before I leave this Saturday. It would have been better to have it in your hands for comment and suggestions this summer, and I suppose with better planning and organization on my part it could have been done. Since the only alternatives at this point are to postpone my trip to Eurppe or to send out the materials in August after my return, I have selected the latter.

Best wishes for the summer.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm
Enc.

July 27, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relaitons
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

A copy of the most recent newsletter, June, 1962, is enclosed. We appended a notice of your husband's death to newsletters sent to other state directors on a fourth sheet, since we knew many of them would want to be notified so they could send you a personal message of sympathy.

Best wishes to you from all of us here. We've received only one brief post card from Paul from Paris, most of it devoted to the fact that he's seen nothing in the French press about the South. He'll be returning August 15, as I think he told you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

July 25, 1962

Mrs. Marge Manderson
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Marge:

I never did receive a copy of the last SRC Newsletter, gotten out from your office, and shall appreciate your sending me one. Several state staff have written me such nice letters, telling me of the report made in the Newsletter of my husband's death.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

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Return to MM

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1330 Laurel Street - Columbia, S.C.

August 22, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Know you had a wonderful trip to Europe, and am eager to see you.

This is just a quickie to let you know that all stores on Main street and outlying districts having eating facilities are being opened as of yesterday on a ten day trial run with members of an all Negro Committee agreeing to use these facilities personally, and thus encourage full use of same.

There is to be no newspaper publicity. We shall keep you posted.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman per eah

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

September 7, 1962

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2 seeing you

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Re: SCCHR Annual Meeting

The Executive Committee will meet shortly and set the date of the 1962 annual meeting, presumably some time during the first week in November. I am writing to inquire as to your availability to work with us in this meeting.

answered MM

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*The enclosure concerning the unresolved problem of community organization and action will be self-explanatory. We need your assistance in formulating the problem and in leading the discussion as we seek solutions to it. We plan to set up a committee composed of representatives of some, or possibly all, of our local groups to do some preliminary thinking in this area.

The material on local councils which your letter in June indicated you would be sending out in August after your return, should provide an excellent springboard for our study committee. We hope you will send it to us at your earliest convenience, even tho it may not be in its final form.

Just as the SRC research program is studying the effectiveness of various types of organization, study and action programs at the local level-- what say you?

Cordially,

Alice N. Spearman per CAH

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah
CC- Dr. Leslie Dunbar

* Copy of this enclosure will be mailed under separate cover next week

September 7, 1962

Dr. Leslie Dunbar
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Les:

Re: SCCHR Meeting 9/29/62

I am delighted at the good news given me by Libby Ledeen that you will be available for the important meeting being planned by SCCHR for Saturday, Sept. 29. We appreciate your willingness to be with us in spite of your difficult schedule.

Libby reports that you raised the question as to when your address would be scheduled. We hope very much that the meeting may be opened by you at 10:30 AM in what we will consider the background or keynote address.

We have just phoned Delta Airline and find that they have a plane which would leave Washington Friday evening, Sept. 28 at 6:20 PM and arrive in Columbia at 9 PM. A faster but earlier plane leaves Washington at 4:05 PM and arrives in Columbia at 6:35 PM. We sincerely hope that it may be possible for you to use one of these planes, so that you can serve as a springboard into the program on Saturday morning, Sept. 28.

Won't you confirm your time of arrival, phoning this office on Monday, Sept.10? Libby Ledeen expects to be in the office from 10 AM to 12 noon and 2 to 3:30 PM. Also let us know if you would like a hotel reservation for Friday night, so that we may make it for you? We want to mail the programs to those who are invited, on Tuesday, Sept. 11th, if possible.

As to the content of your address, we hope that you will update and adapt the excellent analysis you gave at Fisk University. If possible, we should like you to elaborate more fully on the following five points which were made by you:

1. Define
2. Defend
3. Organize
4. Educate
5. Act

I am making an enclosure which will state something of the unresolved problem toward a solution of which we hope your presentation will contribute.

Promotional materials for the Sept. 29th will be mailed to you after you confirm your time of arrival.

Appreciatively,

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/csh
C.C. Paul Rilling

September 7, 1962

Confidential

Background

SCCHR staff has been continuously aware of the dilemma created by the emotional unreadiness of "white leadership" to define and clarify goals and objectives and to defend stated positions publicly. (Possible exception to the latter was a mild statement on the sit-ins issued by the SCCHR Board of Directors in March, 1960.) The dilemma is rooted in the fact that the relatively few white persons in S.C. whose ideas and information are such as to classify them as "liberals" or "progressives" are in the main, do described accurately, only on an intellectual basis and are usually so emotionally frustrated and fearful that it is seldom possible to involve them in bi-racial action at any level. Organization has been slow and difficult and SCCHR educational programs and services have been used primarily by Negroes with "whites" providing liaison, informational and/or leadership roles.

Although militant Negro leaders have always been on the Board of SCCHR and the predecessor organizations and apparently worked happily with SCCHR staff, they have voiced discontent and some dissatisfaction as reflected in such questions as: what does the Council stand for? why won't "whites" take a stand? why does the Council not make itself more widely known through the news media and its own publicity? etc., etc.

Furthermore, in some instances, militant Negro leaders have been quite inflexible, unimaginative and naive in approaches made and methods used, and in programs suggested or engaged in. They have all too frequently created a climate in which Negro conservatives and others either economically and/or psychologically dependent could not move.

Inner-group conflicts, individual and organizational, have further thwarted efforts at cooperation and "fruitful interaction."

Because of the official position of resistance of the State of South Carolina, and the resulting climate of public opinion, a nebulous, low-pressure, long-range program has been about all that has seemed possible by SCCHR. Such "defining, defending, organizing, educating, and acting" as has been done has been done primarily by the staff in a working relationship with Negro leaders and organizations.

At the same time the staff has attempted to maintain a continuing though vague relationship with "white" leaders and organizations.

For the SCCHR Board of Directors to have attempted earlier to have "defined, defended---" would have broken up the organization, we believe. Negroes would have been so disillusioned as to have forsaken the Council on the one hand, or "whites" unwilling to take a position would have dropped out rather than do so.

Time, and many factors and forces are rapidly changing the situation. SRC staff is aware of many of these on the international, national and regional lev-

els; and to some degree on the State level in S.C. The running out of time in South Carolina desegregation court cases; the student movement; the growing acceptance of the inevitable; the regognition of possible economic losses and slowed tempo of social change; the increase of Negro suffrage; disgust and the just-plain-tiredness with reactionary policies so lacking in integrity and positive motivation-- just to mention some of the negative factors in S.C. On the positive side is the excited commitment to industrialization and economic improvement and hopefully a mild reawakening to the State's potentialities and growing sense of shame for the social, educational and political backwardness accompanied by interest in and increasing sense of social responsibility.

Perhaps the most immediately significant event has been the "voluntary" and to-date-successful desegregation of lunch counters on Columbia's Main street and at suburban shopping centers.

Proposal

"NOW IS THE TIME", we believe, to capitalize on the positive trends and projects in specific terms the need for keen analysis, finding at what level concensus is possible within the Board of Directors and program leaders as to goals, organization for achieving them, program methods and content including action as well as "study, discussion and fellowship."

Request

A keynote address by Dr. Leslie Dunbar to set the stage for specific program information, ideas and suggestions to be presented by four SCCHR program committees, as follows:

I. Education
II. Economics and Employment
III. Citizenship
IV. Community Affairs

DETAILED PROGRAM TO BE AVAILABLE SOON

September 10, 1962

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on
Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I look forward to being with you at your 1962 annual meeting. At this point I have no commitments during the first week of November; I am, however, rather heavily committed between November 13 and 21. I would appreciate your letting me know as soon as possible the date selected by your Executive Committee.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

FOAM BOND

September 28, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Paul Anthony is in Virginia this week on family business and has asked me to answer your letter of September 12 so that the answer might not be too long delayed. He and I have talked about the situation, but you should feel free to write him later if this letter does not seem clear or is not in line with your conversations with Paul.

It seems to us that there is no way out of our requirement that each state council furnish us with an annual audit done by a certified public accountant or by a registered accountant. Of course, it might be possible for you to transmit the information to us by other ways, but our auditor and our executive committee feel that we should scrupulously follow the best accepted procedure. We also believe that if any question should be raised in the future concerning the tax status of state councils that we and they will be on sounder ground if we have certified audits signed by licensed accountants. I realize that this kind of audit will be rather expensive, but we think it is best to require it.

I'm glad that Les will be with you for your meeting tomorrow. I hope you have a very successful meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

SEAL FOAM BOND

October 2, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We enjoyed very much having Gil Rowland with us recently. I believedhe and Ben Muse had a good and fruitful session.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

October 3, 1962

F. F.
Ken M.
Ch. W.
Andy Y.
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Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Just as soon as I can, I shall send you the date for the SCCHR annual meeting. Meantime, I am seeking your suggestions for a speaker with mass appeal who is specialized in community organization and social action thehniques and would be able objectively to analyze where and how these may or may not have been used in specific revolutionary situations here in the South since 1954.

Tentatively, our plan is to do the intensive workshop type of thing under your leadership, with our in-group at the morning session. We should like to hold a public meeting in the afternoon, which, hopefully may attract a large and enthusiastic audience.

I shall appreciate an early reply.

Cordially yours,

Alice N. Spearman per CAH

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

October 4, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

The October 1 deadline for matching funds has passed and we would like to know the status of the South Carolina Council as soon as convenient. According to our records you have already received $2058.33 in matching funds and you can receive $541.67 if you raised a total of $4,600 by October 1. Your last quarterly report showed you to be close to the total.

I need to know soon the probable date of your annual meeting. Nat Griswold has askeddme to come to Little Rock for a couple of days around November 8 and I would like to do so if it does not conflict with your meeting.

I really doubt if there are any available speakers who are both specialists in community organization and have mass appeal. Among persons who could do a good job would be the Rev. Will Cambell of the National Council of Churches (P. O. Box 1083, Nashville), Jean Fairfax from the American Friends Service Committee (160 N. 15th Street, Philadelphia), The Rev. Andrew Young, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 344 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta; Ruby Hurley of the NAACP, 859 - 1/2 Hunter, N.W., Atlanta; Father Albert Foley, Professor of Sociology, Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama; Dr. Kenneth Morland, Chairman of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia. The problem is that I would suspect that none of these would fulfill the requirement of mass appeal. Let me know your thinking and we will consider further on this.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

October 9, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
SRC - 5 Forsyth St. NW
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

We have not sealed the enclosed letter to Margaret McCullough because we want you to read it first. Please have it addressed and mailed immediately, if possible.

Fred Reese has been called out of the city, due to the critical illness of his father in Florida. Two executive committee meetings have had to be postponed. Our present situation is in such a state of flux that it has been hard to get anyone together--staff or volunteers, to jell ideas for the annual meeting. The executive committee is meeting tomorrow afternoon with the staff and we hope to firm up plans at that time.

We shall leave the date open until we hear both from you and from Miss McCullough. Incidentally, Miss McCullough did a stunning job at the 1962 Fisk Race Relations institute. Ask Frances Pauley about this.

Since Margaret McCullough gives a gripping overview, it has been suggested that a Negro who might supply some specifics would round out the afternoon meeting which will be open to the public. I have never heard you evaluate Branton Wiley as a speaker. Nor have I heard any of the particulars about the new research director-- is he a Negro? Won't you approach these men in the order of your opinion as to their effectiveness? Please advise us as to their availability on the dates as set forth in letter to Miss McCullough? All things being equal, a discussion of the voter registration project and its significance just at this time, by Mr. Wiley would be our preference. Please advise.

Yours appreciatively,

Alice N. Spearman

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

October 15, 1962

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We sent the letter on to Miss McCullough. I agree with you that she is an excellent person for your purposes and I hope that she will accept.

Our new Research Director, Staige Blackford, is white. Wiley Branton (you got the names reversed) indicates that the nature of his work is such that he cannot commit himself very far in advance to a definite date. He is willing to promise that "some representative of the Voter Education Project" could be on hand. His assistant is Mr. Jack Minnis, who has recently come to the Voter Education Project from Tulane. Mr. Minnis is white. Wiley indicates he will come himself if possible.

As far as my own availability is concerned, my schedule is clear for November 8 or December 4 and 6. I am commited to the NAIRO annual meeting in Washington during the November 27 through 29 dates.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

October 31, 1962

REV. LOWELL BOND

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I will come in late Wednesday night, November 7, and try and catch a 4:35 plane back Thursday afternoon. Why don't you get me a reservation for Wednesday night and I will go directly to the hotel upon arrival at 9:45 P.M..

I look forward to the meeting and to hearing Margaret McCullough again.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

December 3, 1962

Mrs. Marge Manderson
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Marge:

Thank you for reminding me recently in your telephone conversation that we had not yet requested the full amount of the matching grant offered to us.

We were without a bookkeeper from the first of July until a few weeks ago. Because of this fact and the heavy schedule of fall meetings and conferences, we are just now getting to the important matter of claiming the additional amount of the grant.

According to our records, you have already paid the amount of $2,058.33 toward the $2,600.00 which we have earned, leaving the amount due us of $541.67. We shall appreciate receiving the check for this amount from you at your earliest convenience -- thus enabling us to keep our savings intact until December 31, funds which we have on deposit in a savings and loan association.

The enclosed finance report will be self-explanatory and we hope the information you require before issuing the SRC checks to us in the amount of $541.67.

We shall all be missing Paul Rilling and shall be looking to you should we have questions and needs prior to the appointment of Paul's successor.

With warm personal regards and every good wish,

Cordially yours,

Alice M. Spearman

ANS/ft

PD - Dec. 4, 1962

SC - Alice Spearman

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

January 7, 1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

You have not heard from me sooner concerning your offer to work with us either before or after the Aiken meeting, because my doctor put me to bed in December and I have not attempted any outreach which would involve local councils or our board of directors. As soon as this is possible, you will hear from me. Meantime, I want you to know how enthusiastically the Aiken council is looking forward to your being there on the 6th.

Because our board of directors is composed of so many people who work on rather tight schedules, we have found our best meetings must be set on a Saturday or a Sunday. Would the 8th or 9th of February be possible dates for you? It would be well to have your answer before I explore this matter with the board, of having you assist us with a workshop on membership and/or finance.

I hope you have been well and that all goes happily for you in 1964. Please let me have a prompt response.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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Important! In line with your suggestion I want to initiate conversation with Mr. Stahr re another grant for after June 1964. Please secure for me on a confidential basis a copy of his letter with reference to future policy of the F. grants to state CHR foundation and re SCCHR. Many thanks!
A.

January 8, 1963

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

THis will acknowledge receipt of your good quarterly report. The first quarterly payment of the 1963 grant is enclosed.

I am afraid there may be a schedule conflict for the Penn meeting. In fact, I now note one of our suggestions for the state directors' meeting overlaps that meeting. However, I will make every effort to attend--or to otherwise get to Columbia at the first opportunity.

Marge is making a copy of your third quarterly report for your files.

Thank you for your good words about the job change. I look forward to working with you and the others in SCCHR.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

January 3, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St., N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

In spite of my delay in writing you, I want you to know how truly happy I am that you are to be the person to work closely with us. I am sure that you will make a unique contribution, both to SRC and to the state councils in your new job as the director of field services-- is that the correct title?

Under separate cover in today's mail I am sending you samples of the mimeographed and multilith materials which SCCHR has been distributing. You will see why we believe it is not impossible to achieve some integration-in-action by arousing either/or, or both mass and power support for raising per capita incomes in South Carolina and eradicating illiteracy in the process. We are plugging hard for making maximum use of federal programs designed to accomplish the same ends. More of this when I see you.

Kay Jones, Nat Griswold and I had a few quick huddles at the Nashville conference and are looking forward with real eagerness to the annual state staff meeting. We wonder if it could not be for a longer period of time than in former years? Since the major expense involved is transportation and SRC provides that, I personally would be naturally willing that SRC pay the added hotel and meal expense, if that should be necessary.

Hope the 4th quarterly report did not duplicate the 3rd in any way. Unfortunately, our office copy of the 3rd quarterly report has been mislaid. Please lend us your copy, in order that we may make again a copy for our file. We shall return it to you promptly.

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We shall be brainstorming you for ideas and actions from time to time.

Please get the Penn conference scheduled for February 13 through 15 on your schedule now. I am glad you have agreed to do the report for us.

With wamr personal regards and every good wish,

Cordially yours,

Alice N. Spearman
Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

January 24, 1963

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Confirmation later, but it is likely our state directors' meeting will be held March 5 and 6 with additional sessions on the 7th for those who wish to stay over. Certainly, on the basis of your schedule, the meeting will not be held February 12 and 13.

I shall do everything possible to be at the Penn meeting.

We have Rowland's draft of the report to the governor and will be about sending him, you, and Courtney our version as soon as possible.

Your ideas for the directors' meeting are good. On the agenda we shall have a place for discussion of goals on which we can all agree and toward which all the Councils can work. It is a fast track in very rapidly changing times.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

Jan. 31, 1963 -

Mr. Paul Anthony
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Anthony:

After your conversation with Alice Spearman we wrote this statement and sent it on to Mr. McMillan. It is very general but seemed to say as much as we could without implicating our Clemson members.

The Clemson Administration has discouraged student participation in such groups as ours from the beginning.

You may be interested in the Student Council Newsletter which went out the day of Harvey Gantt's enrollment at Clemson.

Sincerely

Elizabeth C. Tedeen

"Yes, I believe that I have friends here," said Harvey Gantt in his press interview on the day of his enrollment at Clemson College. He had been given assurance that there would be friends there through the South Carolina Council on Human Relations prior to his first attempted interview at the college.

This assurance could be given to Harvey Gantt with confidence because of the work of the Council among students in the State. Beginning in December of 1960 through initial contacts with interested individual students, and later developing into the South Carolina Student Council on Human Relations opportunities to know each other across racial lines has been continuously afforded. The working relationship thus established illustrates the value of the role of citizens of goodwill and lay organizations in supplementing the governmental preparation which has been made.

The Student Council has held annually two state-wide bi-racial conferences to which students have come, not as "official" representatives of their college but as concerned individuals. In these meetings students of South Carolina have faced together some of the crucial issues before the State and Nation, including the segregation issue. At two of these conferences assistance has been provided by faculty and religious leaders from southern universities where the transition to desegregation has been met with dignity and effectiveness.

Channels have been opened for continuing communication and developing friendships based on common interests and religious concerns. The role of the student church groups on the campus has been outstanding in this process of preparation. At Clemson College these groups have witnessed to the relevancy of the Christian faith to the pressing problems of today and specifically to human relations.

Dear Paul —

Grand having you at our conference and know the report will be a needed + useful document — thanks to you!

Will send minutes of our Bd. mtg or bring when we come Mar mtg. Mr. James + I will be there definitely + Libby Redeen, hopefully.

Meantime, please send me Phil Hammer's Washington address at your earliest convenience as I need to contact him.

(will be lively but nothing crucial — will need + want you at a later time when we can

Hill refers to birds with same stone

Yours
Dick

Paul — This is letter from the Rev. Lucius B. DuBose about what's I told you. He's the "swell" little minister who was at Penn and about whom you asked me —

Please retn. letter because sometime I'm going to get around to compiling quotes from the ministers who've written me in this vein — They're numerous!

Alice

3-15-63

March 19, 1963

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Many thanks for Lucius DuBose's address. His letter is enclosed.

Also, many thanks for your admirably small expense account. For three people, that's pretty inexpensive travel.

Not much I can tell you about Jack Sisson. He was quite active in Pensacola during the sit-ins there and worked closely with Paul Rilling on school desegregation. Seems to have quite an interest in this field and would be interested in employment, though we have not pursued the matter very vigorously with him. He's something of a mystery man to me and I haven't had the opportunity--or much inclination--to check out the situation.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm
Enc.

MM. note list attached

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

March 25, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council,
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Complying with your request concerning contacts in towns of over 5,000 in South Carolina, I am enclosing the list you requested. As soon as further follow-up is possible, we shall send supplementary lists.

The Monthly News Letter sent out after the State Staff Conference in Atlanta is exactly what we need and want most. Congratulations to you and Marg. for a job well done.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ft

PA please reply

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

March 25, 1963

Dr. Leslie Dunbar, Director
Southern Regional Coumcil
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Les:

Thank you, and through you the entire SRC staff for your cordiality and helpfulness in making of our recent state-staff conference one of the best!

Please have your research department and/or whoever was responsible for the study which revealed the limited amount of voluntary compliance with President Kennedy's Fair Employment policy. Write us and outline methods used for gathering information.

We are planning a conference on some of the most acute urban problems for late April. In looking at present employment practices we, too, would like to get facts as to prevailing practices concerning voluntary compliance. A prompt and detailed reply will be helpful.

Jack Sisson, to whom you introduced me at Francis Pauley's, talked on the phone with me at length. He indicated that he will return to Columbia monthly. His questions are so pointed and detailed that I hesitate to answer as freely as I would like, until or unless I can learn more about him. To my inquiry made to Paul Anthony, he replied that he is something of a mystery man to him and he has neither the time nor inclination to go further. If he is to be back within the next two or three weeks, I certainly need to know more about him if you or anyone else there is able to advise me. Please do.

Warm regards to Mrs. Dunbar, your lovely daughter whom I met at Nashville, and to you.

Cordially,

Alice N. Spearman

(Alice N. Spearman)
Executive Director

ANS/cah

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April 1, 1963

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Unfortunately for you, Les has asked me to reply to your letter of March 25.

Our report on the Plans for Progress was prepared by Fred Powledge, a reporter on the Atlanta Journal. The personal interview technique was used. One word of caution, great care should be used to insure absolute accuracy.

I do wish there was more we could tell you about Jack Sisson. I have tried to find out more from several people since your original inquiry. We have no reason to believe his interests aren't completely above board. I simply have some questions because it is unusual for a young businessman to have such strong and time-consuming interest and because he concentrates so much on talking with "power" people. This is not to raise suspicions because I have no facts. It is to urge caution in dealing with him--and, with caution, I see no reason why you should not talk with him, tell him about the state, and listen to his reports. I will keep on the subject and try to learn more.

Best to all.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

April 10, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
S.R.C.
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

When we have our face-to-face in June, you will be interested in the democratic process used in developing the finally approved South Carolina version of the document to be sent to Governor Donald Russell. I am instructed to say that the executive committee wishes S.R.C. to feel free to make any editorial changes that it thinks desirable. We are asking that you proceed as was originally planned to prepare the six typed copies for which I brought you SCCHR letterheads to the State Staff Conference in March.

The executive committee did not set up a fixed plan on wider distribution, but prefers to leave this matter until after the most top-flight committee we can assemble have conferred with the Governor. In a strategy conference thereafter, it will be decided whether the Governor should be pressured and wide publicity given the document in the form presented to him.

If the committee conferring with Russell decides that an enabling role by SCCHR will be an effective one to play, this document will not be publicized in the form in which it is presented to the Governor. Rather, it will be refocused to the general public, as an SCCHR educational effort in the form of a public statement at the appropriate time.

Your reaction, please!

Because SCCHR is eager to move as rapidly as possible to set up a committee conference with the Governor, we shall greatly appreciate your replying by return mail as to the probable early date at which S.R.C. will be able to complete its work. Presumably S.R.C. will need about the same length of time as we shall, in order to crash the Governor's heavy schedule. We shall not seek an appointment, however, until we have some definite word from you.

Many thanks, and every good wish.

Sincerely,

Alice

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ft
Encl.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

May 8, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Thank you for recent memos and the good Newsletter. You are really on the "ball"! Won't you thank Marge for the good job she did on the letter to the Governor? A tentative date with Russell for June 12 has been set and the committee is enthusiastic.

When Maxwell Hahn and Justine Wise Polier were here, the three of us had a brief conference with the Governor. His news secretary, who was formerly with the Charlotte Observer and lived in Rock Hill, is a friend of the Council. We find it useful to have him in his new position.

We are enthusiastic about the beginnings made by the recent Citizens Consultation on Urban Problems and Potentialities which we held at the Wade Hampton hotel here in Columbia on May 2. More details will be given in the quarterly report, but the enclosed write-up from THE STATE will fill you in. Incidentally, our first vice president, Dr. J. Sherrard Rice, was interviewed over TV and pictures of the speakers and audience were carried on evening and morning news programs-- "a major breakthrough"!

We need to explore much more fully than we have ~~had~~ at any time, the possibility and desirability of setting up more local councils. The climate has been such in South Carolina that their value has been very limited in the past, and in my judgment questionable. Doubtless you are aware of differences of opinion and practice in this matter from state to state.

Paul Rilling was working on a document for the use of state staff on organizing and conducting local councils. Just before he went to Europe last summer he had hoped to issue this, but postponed until his return. Unfortunately, he evidently never had time to complete his work. I personally continue to feel the need of help in this matter and sincerely hope that you may be able to pull together some useful ideas and information for us. I feel reasonably sure that there must continue to be felt the need on the part of other state staff.

I assume that the Virginia and Georgia Councils may have made more progress in this area than any of the rest of us. Please let me hear from you about this, so that we may know what is the score.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Alice N. Spearman)
Executive Director

ANS/cah

P.S. Plans re June conf. are fine!

May 20, 1963

Dr. Leslie Dunbar
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Les:

Last week the Savannah-Chatham County school case hearings were front page news stories in the State, which, as you know, has wide circulation throughout South Carolina. The enclosed editorial indicates how seriously a large segment of South Carolina public opinion will take the testimony of the "scientists" brought in for the white intervenors in the case.

Is this a new approach in the courts by segregationists? If this succeeds, even as a delaying tactic, it seems to us very likely that this ~~method~~ approach will be used in South Carolina where hearings in the first public school desegregation cases will be ~~heard~~ scheduled in the next few months. For this reason, we would greatly appreciate any research which SRC may be able to to concerning this evidence and the personalities introduced in the case.

My impression is that these are the same "scientific" sources from which Carleton Putnam drew his conclusions in his Putnam Letters. I seem to remember that Dr. George, professor emeritus, of UNC, was denounced a few years ago by one of the scientific societies, but I am a bit hazy about the facts.

It would be helpful to us to have data concerning these persons and an evaluation of the case by SRC, ~~of the hearings.~~

It was interesting to note that the hearings were covered on the scene by W.D. Workman, author of the Case for the South, and ultra-conservative member of the State editorial staff. His personal opinion would no doubt agree with the testimony of the group of witnesses for the white parents.

We shall appreciate your help from SRC in researching this. Best of wishes to you and other staff members.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth C. Ledsen
Program Director

ECL/cah

C.C. Mr. Paul Anthony

SEA FOAM BOND

May 20, 1963

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Regrettably, nothing in concise and completed form exists on local Council organization and program. Regularly, we talk about preparing something and perhaps some day we shall.

The matter of local Council structure against all of the background and considerations of South Carolina is too complex for me to comment on lightly or easily.

Could we arrange for you and me--and other S.C. staff--to get together at Blue Ridge to explore this in some detail? Perhaps we could also get Frances Pauley and Happy Lee to sit in.

Look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

SEA FOAM BOND

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

May 29, 1963

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Center
Frogmore, S.C.

Dear Courtney:

I have been talking with too many politically and economically oriented individuals recently to want to connect this statement with our approach in working with them.

We have been trying to find firms which will cooperate with the State Dept. of Education by furnishing training space. In view of the recent OMAT Ruling concerning MDTA classes, the State Dept. of Education will be dependent upon private sources to provide meeting space in which to hold classes.

I am appalled at the hostility toward the Federal Government and the present administration, but doubt that mere words will do other than further block emotional responses. I express this in confidence, but in the hope that you may react. I would like to have my own responses, but in a broader perspective.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearmen
Executive Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

May 29, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

I have received a letter from Courtney, enclosing a copy of the May 26 News Release to all papers, giving a statement of the Executive Committee of SRC. Courtney said that Marion Wright thought it well to send it to certain mayors and/or chambers of commerce. Courtney added "it occurs to me that SCCHR is the more logical group, if it is to be sent out.

I did not see the statement quoted in the Columbia State, and wonder if it was carried anywhere in South Carolina.

Doubtless you are aware that the NAACP is to step up activity in the following eight cities: Charleston, Florence, Sumter, Orangeburg, Rock Hill, Spartanburg, Greenville and Columbia. There are Chambers of Commerce and Planning and Development Boards in those cities and/or the counties in which they are located.

Confidentially and quite frankly, I do not think that the May 26 statement will speak to them at a level to invite a positive reaction. I agree that they need to be educated, even if it takes preaching at them as this does to a degree. My only unreadiness to send it to them would be that we are trying to work with them in a somewhat different way.

Therefore, while I would be glad to have them receive this statement, I would prefer that you send it to them directly from SRC and let us continue our more direct and informal work with them, looking toward the effective operation of bi-racial committees. Won't you react to this quite frankly and let me know what has been done? I shall send a copy of this letter to Courtney.

Meantime, if you have additional copies of the release, we can use to advantage some 10 to 25 for persons who don't stop thinking when the Supreme Court, President Kennedy, and other symbolic"red rags" are waved in their faces.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah
C.C. Mr. Courtney Siceloff

June 3, 1963

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I quite agree with you regarding the distribution of the SRC statement of May 26.

Under separate cover, we are sending 25 copies for your special use.

See you soon.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

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July 9, 1963

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2,036.50
563.50

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

I regretted that our quarterly report was late in being mailed to you. We taxed our limited clerical staff to the hilt in getting the annual report in to the Field Foundation, and some last minute complications developed.

sent 7/11

I am writing to claim at this time as much as we may on our matching grant. Receipts through today classified contributions $ 559.25
memberships 2,737.25
New South subs. 740.00
A total of $4,036.50

Would this not mean that $2,036.50 may be available to us right away? It should not take us much longer to raise the remaining $563.50.

About our trip to Charleston, I have had a response to only one of the letters which I wrote after getting back from Blue Ridge. As you know, summer is the time of vacations. How much bearing that has on the lack of response and how much is fear and confusion due to the five continuous weeks of demonstrations in Charleston, is anybody's guess.

A knowledgeable acquaintance, who is associate director of the United Fund of Charleston, has written that Mayor J. Palmer Gaillard of Charleston would be the best person for us to talk with, in her opinion. As has been the case ever since the 1954 decision, individuals appear willing to talk but not to become involved in any way.

The Rev. I. DeQuincy Newman, executive director of the NAACP, upon his return from Chicago has been in Charleston.

The softening of economic leaders which seemed apparent a little while back appears to be hardening. There is almost gleeful exploitation by the press, political and economic leaders of Negro placements in Federal Government agencies, and also of the President's Civil Rights package.

Just yesterday, Governor Russell postponed a second meeting which he had scheduled with our committee to pursue with him further the document they had presented him. Doubtless you have seen in the newspaper that Senator Thurmond has scheduled Russell for a committee appearance against the first item in the Civil Rights package.

I shall continue to try to arrange a meaningful visit to Charleston, even if I have to go there in person. However, I am scheduled for a trip into the Piedmont and may be delayed in getting there. In any case, I shall keep in touch with you.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director

ANS/cah

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

July 9, 1963

Dear Paul,

Your memo requesting information to be used by you in an effort to increase salaries and staff benefits to a more equitable level must have arrived at the very busy time for us which preceded our statewide Citizens Consultation on Urban Problems and Potentialities which was held here in Columbia on May2.

Enclosed you will find the reply you asked for. If the information isn't confidential, we'd like a copy of your findings for use by a personnel committee.

As you know, whites have been so reluctant to move in S.C. and there have been so very many demands being made upon Negroes, that we have always conducted a very low pressure finance effort and have not considered the question of salaries, except in this light. The time is past for this basis of operation. We're glad that you will made an effort to encourage adjustments were the need is indicated.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

Alice N. Spearman

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

To: Paul Anthony

From: SCCHR

Re: Memorandum from Anthony to directors, state councils and Houston Council, dated April 26, 1963

1. Salary of each professional staff person:

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, $6,500.00

Mr. L.S. James, $6,000.00

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Ledeen, $3,000.00(½ time)

2. No housing allowances

Auto allowance @ 8¢ per mile

3. No staff benefits

LWP

Dear Paul,

Libby and Ted Ledeen want to hear more about proposed project with interna. visitors at Oak Ridge & may want to apply. If you'll send info and confirmation as to project, date for application etc. Send to me here (wider use) & I'll share with them.

Appreciate your help at Isk. Was "proud" of your talk even if there wasn't time to tell you. Liked Ins R very much. Congrats!

How about Sept 23 for workshop on 30th? Rather soon. Yours, Ann

AS

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

July 26, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

I was delighted to have a long-distance call from Charles Demere, inviting me to join him and John Youngblut in Charleston this week. You will have reports from them, I am sure. The situation is both confused and confusing, tho progress is being made.

Since writing you I have had other responses to earlier inquiries. I had already planned to go to Charleston when I heard from Charles. My visit there confirms the need of returning and the desirability of having your assistance, if you can spare a little time.

Obviously, the demonstrations and the entire activities of the Charleston Movement for the time being are overshadowing and delaying realization of the Court Order concerning desegregation of the Charleston public schools, which will doubtless be handed down on August 5. It is anyone's guess what the present upheaval may do by way of delaying the time schedule. Beacuse of this, you may not wish to plan to come to Charleston until after that matter has been clarified. On the other hand, leaders of the movement feel a great need for identifying Charleston white citizens who may be willing to play a constructive role in the present crisis. At the present time, help from outside of Charleston is needed for interviewing persons, primarily on a person-to-person basis. This is slow and time consuming, but contacts established will be needed when the school desegregation order is issued.

Charles and John indicated that they may find it possible to come back in about two weeks time, if they are needed. They are both fine and effective and would be invaluable members of a working team, if this still seems possible for them, Your reaction, please?

Meantime, I shall try to keep you informed of developments.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

August 12, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

When I wrote you on July 9, we were lacking $563.50 of claiming the entire SRC matching grant. Since that time we fairly quickly added $218.00 in contributions, $292.50 in memberships, and $58.00 in New South subscriptions, a total of $568.50 -- $5.00 more than you will match. We hope that the $653.50 which we have earned, may be available to us right away. Many thanks.

We shall hope to have Judge Martin's ruling on the Charleston public schools segregation suit soon and to be in touch with you.

I have tried to reach our president, Fred Reese, without success, in order to get his suggestions as to possible dates for a board meeting and training session with you, between September 15 and 30. I am sure we shall benefit by accepting your offer to work with the board on training for finance and for membership activity. Won't you, therefore, write and suggest dates when you might be available during this period? It would seem from previous experience that Saturday may be the best time for such a session.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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August 13, 1963

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Enclosed is our check for $563.50 representing the remainder of our matching-funds grant.

Do keep me posted on Charleston. I did get a copy of the full report done by John Waggblut and discussed the visit to Charleston with him.

During the period September 15-30, Saturday, September 28, is free for me. This is Yom Kippur, if that makes any difference to your meeting. Will hold this date open until I hear from you. The next available Saturdays for me would be October 12 and 19. All of September is crowded for me, but I would like especially to attend the meeting. If a date other than a Saturday is considered, please call me collect to see how my schedule fits.

Best to you all.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

August 29, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Still find it impossible to contact Fred Reese to confirm September 28 date. Will phone you, as requested, after Labor Day if Reese not available for September 28.

Glad to have seen you at Charlotte in spite of the sad circumstances. Thank you warmly for letting me know about Harry's death. I had a good contact with Mrs. Jones.

The enclosure will be self-explanatory. I hope you will hand it to Mrs. Johnson immediately and that it will not be too late to have value.

Sincerely,

Alice

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ft

NC Chapel Hill

SC-a Spm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

September 4, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Not until today have I had an opportunity to check out plans for the fall schedule with Fred Reese.

Doubtless you are aware that Judge Martin has ordered the desegregation of S.C. State parks. A series of public hearings is being scheduled in some ten or twelve communities in close proximity to the parks. We are eager to promote participation of our members and others who favor keeping the parks open and operating them on an integrated basis. This, however, will be time consuming. Furthermore, SCCHR in cooperation with the National Sharecroppers Fund will hold a five day working conference on farmers cooperatives and training for jobs at Penn Center September 22 through 27. This also is requiring program building and promotional efforts.

With the upward thrust of Negroes in the communities of S.C. gaining momentum, it is expected that a considerably stepped-up activity in the field will be required.

SCCHR by-laws require a meeting of the Board of Directors following our annual meeting for the purpose of electing state officers.

Because of all of the above, Fred and I think it would be better to focus your work with our Board of Directors at a meeting to be called following our annual meeting. Confidentially, he says there is some ferment in his own church, the result of which will not be definitely known until about the next couple of weeks-- Naturally not knowing the particulars and not having the time this morning to learn them, I do not know what this may mean as to his availability for continuing service. In any case, I am assured of his dedication and committment.

Fred has scheduled the first meeting of the Executive Committee for the fall term for September 18. The date of the annual meeting will doubtless be fixed at that time. In previous years the annual meeting has been held during the first week of November. Hopefully, it may be possible to push this up sufficiently to schedule the Board meeting either before or shortly after Thanksgiving. I am sorry for what may be a delay in firming up with you a mutually convenient date. However, I am writing in the hope that you will take a long look at your calendar and let me know if there are any conflicts with you which we should attempt to avoid during the proposed period.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
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Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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SC-Ca Spm

September 9, 1963

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Your suggested changes in our plans are actually a help to me.

At this point most of November is free for me. I have a commitment with NAIRO November 23 and our annual meeting is held November 25 and 26. All other dates are free.

Should you wish it, I can probably come over for the annual meeting and for a later meeting with the board. Our interests in strong board support for a special membership-finance campaign should be aimed for 1964 so it would appear to me that a special meeting any time from November through January would be appropriate.

I do want to be of any possible help in this.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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SC - a Spm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

September 23, 1963

Dear Alice:

Just a note to say that I regret not having given you the carbon copy of my report before you left. I came by the office Sunday to get this out of the files, ~~and to~~ call you, and was planning to run by your house with it. There was no answer so I assumed you already had left town. I am sending this on in case you find time to work on the quarterly report. Most of the report, as you see, has to do with student work, with notations about the Columbia group and the distribution of the King letter. Other work during June and July, such as membership, was routine.

We are also enclosing registrations received in this morning's mail for you and Mr. James. Also a letter from Miss Bennett.

We hope you are having a very good conference.

Please extend our good wishes to all our friends there.

Affectionately,

Libby

ECL/ft

SC - a Spm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

9-30-63

Dear Paul,

You're a"honey" to have suggested that we need not submit lenghty quarterly reports; I'm inferring that you mean this to apply when there just aren't the hours available to do so. Hence this hunt-and-peck from me and a condensed report supplemented by lengthier statements from other SCCHR staff.

The conference on farmers cooperatives and job training was helpful but envisioned a long ranged effort. We'll be sharing findings with you later.

The Orangeburg situation grows more intense hourly and we are staying in close touch.

Jac Wasserman, Ossie Smith, L.S. James and I will go to Tuskegee this weekend if things here don't tie us up hopelessly. Hope that you'll be there too.

Cordially yours,

Alice

SC - a Spm

October 15, 1963

Mrs. Alice Spearman, Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Q. Grant in-aid

Enclosed is our check representing the ~~matching funds grant~~ from SRC. Congratulations on making th~~is and~~ all of your budget for the year.

The report certainly reflected a busy and productive quarter.

I am holding Saturday November 9 for your board meeting. As soon as this is definite, please confirm and let me know where to come. Am anxious to be of any possible help in planning the coming year.

My best to you and all.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

October 30, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Paul:

I shall be writing you from time to time between now and the annual meeting. At the moment, I am wanting a bit of advice about the best way to schedule a brief time on Tuesday morning, Nov. 19, for up-dating our members on the Voter Education project. It would be fine to have Mr. Blackwell attend our meeting and our members meet him. However, I am sure he is far too busy to come for our meeting, when we can give only about 15 minutes at the outside, for this topic.

We knew nothing about the VEP meeting of the First Congressional District in Charleston in September, until some of our members told us about it at the conference on farmer cooperatives and job training which we held at Penn in late September. I wrote Tom Barnwell, director of the Penn Community project, who attended the VEP meeting, to ask something about the leadership. His reply, which I received yesterday, leaves me somewhat confused. He states that Billy Fleming, of Manning, S.C. (Clarendon County), Chairman; Matthew D. McCollom (SCCHR and SRC boards) of Walterboro, S.C., Treasurer; and Mrs. Frieda Mitchell of Beaufort County, Secretary. He states further that Mrs. Bernice Robinson, 22 Dewey St., Charleston, is the Field Director.

It was my understanding that Bernice Robinson is serving as Field Director and Esau Jenkins, 244 Spring St., Charleston, Director, for a Voter Internship program being conducted by Highlander under a special grant directly from the Field Foundation. I like both Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Jenkins, but the repeated attacks on Highlander and the more recent attack on the headquarters of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, and their obviously close inter-relationship, leave me somewhat confused as to whether or not it would be best for us to schedule Mrs. Robinson or Mr. Jenkins for our meeting. Furthermore, I am wondering whether Fleming, McCollom and Mitchell are related to that project or to VEP. Any light you may throw on my confusion is needed. Any any suggestion as to the best way of updating our members briefly will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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November 5, 1963
Dictated November 1

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Re updating information on VEP for your annual meeting: I have asked Randolph Blackwell of the VEP staff here to do a one-two page report for you which can be read or given at the annual meeting. This will serve as a full report on all VEP sponsored projects in the state, should clear up any confusion, and generally be informative.

In light of the several genuine problems you raised, this seemed the best way to handle it.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

November 26, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

May I add my personal word of appreciation to you for your helpful participation in the program of our annual meeting? It was indeed good to have you with us in South Carolina.

After talking with Alice concerning our conversation of Thursday morning, we felt that it would be unwise to make any request in writing. For this reason, I have not written the letter which you suggested. I have been trying to reach Connie Curry by telephone without success. I hope, however, thst I may be able to talk with her this afternoob. Perhaps then the two of you may want to confer again about the best way to handle this matter.

Best of wishes to you.

Cordially,

Libby

Elizabeth C. Ledeen
Program Director

ECL/cah

SC-Q Spm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

November 27, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

We were both so tired at the end of the meeting on November 19, you will forgive me for not adequately thanking you for helping us so admirably. Frankly, I thought our dinner meeting and the meeting at the library went in good form. Activities the next day left much to be desired, I thought. Somehow, it is hard to get sufficient participation from volunteers to have things go as one would like, especially when such persons are scattered widely over a state.

I want to ask you for a copy of your splendid address. We are having requests for same, so I hope that you can spare a copy.

Thank you for sending the report of VEP in S.C. Mystery of mysteries: I had to go to a meeting almost immediately upon opening the mail. Upon my return a few hours later, I have been unable to locate the report. The office was covered the entire time and none of us can account for its disappearance. Hopefully, it has been tucked away with the all too numerous papers which were on my desk. It would be helpful to have you send an additional copy immediately, however, in order that we may plan some follow-up. We are so behind with filing, correspondence, etc. and must keep pre-arranged appointments, so no telling when the original copy sent us will turn up. I will return as soon as we have used, if you need same.

I am enclosing a copy of a joint newsletter on intergroup relations, of which we have received only this one copy. Unfortunately, I do not know what the SSSP committee on intergroup relations is. I would like to be informed. Also, I would like to have the addresses of the various groups which issue, ed. the joint newsletter, if they are available through your office. Do you know if this newsletter is still being issued? Many thanks!

Sincerely,
Alice N. Spearman
Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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Enclosure

SC - G Spm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

December 3, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

Last April you sent a memo. requesting information about staff salaries and other benefits. Regretfully, I did not send you the information about the SCCHR staff until mid-summer. We have hoped that we might hear something from you as to your findings, steps taken and plans projected.

As soon as time permits, I hope to give a block of time to projecting plans for SCCHR program and staff needs. I liked your suggestion about seeking someone who can give full time (who might be my own successor). I am sure that the SCCHR salaries will need to be upgraded, in order to attract such a person. It would be helpful to have from you a copy of your findings and any recommendations which you may be making.

I forgot to ask you if you and Eloise Twombly have set a date for you to go to Aiken-- perhaps you have already been? In either case, let us know because we would like to offer a similar possibility to other local councils, if it can be arranged.

Sincerely,
Alice N. Spearman
Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

a Spm

December 5, 1963

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

You had a good meeting and I enjoyed being a part of it. The "address" was not written and I would have a very hard time putting anything on paper akin to it.

Enclosed is another copy of the VEP report. So long as the original is lost in your office there is no problem, but it is not the kind of information we should release to the world in general.

The SSSP Newsletter is a new one for me too. Will try to find out more about it.

Have accepted an invitation from Mrs. Twombly to be in Aiken on February 6. This would make it possible for me to be in Columbia on the 5th or 7th. Do you have need of me on those dates?

I am of the opinion the SCCHR is ending a good year and has an even better one coming up. Remember that we are anxious to do whatever we can to help make that possible.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

MRS. JOHN F. TWOMBLY
827 LEGARE ROAD
AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

October 29

Dear Mr. Anthony,

Thank you for your recent letter expressing an interest in helping the Aiken Council.

Would either Jan. 9, or February 13 be possible dates for your coming to Aiken? the 2nd Thursday is our regular meeting time and I would like the opportunity for our entire group to

hear you speak and discuss with you. Perhaps the Board could meet with you before the meeting - or after. All the other Board members are employed during the day.

I look forward to meeting you November 18 in Columbia.

Sincerely,

Eloise S. Trombly
(Mrs. John T.)

If you want to come Nov. 14 instead, we would be most happy, but Mrs. Spearman tells me you may be too busy.

SC - A Spm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

January 29, 1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

This is an SOS asking that you mail me preliminary draft of your working papers on finance and membership. We are counting heavily upon them for ideas to use in the preparation of simple workbooks we are preparing for use at our board meeting on Wednesday, February 5, from 4:30 to 9:30 P.M.

I know you won't let us down -- a little speed, please.

Fondly yours,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ft

Answer. like Paul hasn't seen this. anything that will help in writing -

Done -

a Spm

February 7, 1964

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

At the 1963 Annual Meeting, held January 29-30, the Southern Regional Council approved a grant-in-aid of $6,000 to the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. This grant is to be paid quarterly as of this date, and thereafter on April 1, July 1, and October 1, 1964. The grant is subject to the conditions stated on the enclosed.

You will note this grant is not subject to the matching funds provision used during the past several years, although local fund raising must be at least at the level of that of 1963. We feel the matching funds provision has been very successful in its purpose of stimulating local support. To continue this practice would, however, if it continued to have meaning, require that there be a substantial increase in the base point of funds to be raised. We felt this provision would, at this time, place an undue burden on some Councils and defeat our purpose, which is primarily to help good operations to continue and to grow.

The first quarterly payment of $1,500 is enclosed. The remaining three payments will be made on or shortly after the dates indicated above.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm
cc: The Rev. Fred Reese

a Spm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

February 19, 1964

Mrs. Marge Manderson
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Dear Marge:

Some time in January a most unfortunate editorial on SRC appeared in the News & Courier. It was based on a news release by the SRC executive committee. It would be interesting to know what response, if any, was made by SRC, if you can spare time to write me.

None -

Unfortunately, the Columbia papers, The State and The Record, never carry these SRC news releases; hence we do not see them. I shall greatly appreciate it if you personally will look into the matter of having our name added to the mailing list of papers receiving SRC releases. In this way we will be informed of what is going on. Furthermore, in some cases, we would like to phone the local editors or have ~~background~~ behind-the-scenes contact ~~and~~ see what can be done to have them published.

Do!

Paul tells me you are tops - and I surely believe him!

Gratefully yours,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ft

a Spm

March 2, 1964

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Despite the very nice things you said in your recent letter, I'm still slow in replying and I apologize. We have been particularly pushed for time recently.

We did not reply to the News & Courier editorial. I'll try to talk with someone who can tell me what was involved in this decision, and write you.

I am today asking the appropriate people to make sure that the SCCHR and, in fact, all the state groups receive copies of all SRC news releases in the future. We had presumed that you were receiving them regularly. Such a practice was established some years ago, but because of changes in personnel I suspect that it has fallen by the wayside. (Actually, since there is no standard distribution list for all press released, it's difficult to insure that non-press people are invariably sent the releases. But I'll ask the people in charge to work out a system which would insure inclusion of the HRC's.) Do let us know if in the future there are instances you learn of in which the SCCHR has been slighted in the mailing of a news release.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Activities

A Spm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

March 17, 1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I am really looking forward to seeing you and Les to report first-hand on findings of the exploratory contacts in New York. I definitely do not want to take next steps without considerable inter-action with the two of you.

I take it that I can be fairly relaxed as to the specific hour for the appointment on Monday morning, the 23rd. Naturally an early but not-too-early hour would suit best.

Sincerely,

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(Mrs.) Alice N.Spearman
Executive Director

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I may spend Sunday night March 22 at my brother's — Dr. Samuel W. Norwood, M.D. 76 Inman Circle, N. E. — Atlanta if you need to phone me there. A.

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March 30, 1964

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I'll start answering your questions with the easiest ones:

1. Les' secretary's name is Mrs. Mildred Johnson. She has been Secretary to the Director since 1957 or so, except for one interval when she was working with Harold Fleming in Washington. Montez Albright is still with the Council. Her position is Research Associate and her last name is spelled with only one L, Albright. I believe she was out of town the day you visited us.

2. Mrs. May E. McFarland, Doris Duke Foundation, 41 East 57th St., New York 22, New York.

3. Unless he clearly agreed in advance to travel at SRC's expense, Mr. Wheeler would not be on our expense account for his participation in the Augusta conference.

We all enjoyed seeing you so much, and hope you can find the occasion to visit us more often in the future. Paul seems reasonably amenable to my comingtto South Carolina sometime for the kind of project we talked about. Perhaps, if you don't want to arrange it during the late spring or early summer, we could discuss it further at this summer's state staff meeting.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administratige Secretary
Field Activities

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

March 25, 1964

Mrs. Marge Manderson
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Marge:

I hope you will let me hear what you and Paul decide about your being available to help stimulate interest in the arts through SCCHR. We ~~shall~~ appreciate your service!

Knowing that Paul is in Louisiana, and how busy Les is, I am writing to ask three questions, as follows:

1) Is Mr. John Wheeler on SRC's expense account, or should we offer him same for his participation in the Augusta conference?

Mrs. May E. McFarland -

2) What are Mrs. McFarland's initials and spelling of her surname -- she is the executive secretary of the Doris Duke Foundation in New York City. Paul Anthony thought that Dr. Dunbar's secretary would have this information.

3) What is the name of Les' present secretary and what has become of Montez? I would appreciate the correct spelling of Montez's surname and her home address if she is no longer at SRC.

Best wishes.

41 E. 57 St.
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Cordially yours,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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A Spm

April 8, 1964

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for your quarterly report. It is a good report reflecting a good program.

Ourhcheck for the quarterly payment of the SRC grant is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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SC - a Spm
LWD ✓
PWL ✓
VJ ✓
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MM
BP ✓

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

April 21, 1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

We were able to get off to Mr. Hahn last week our request for a grant from The Field Foundation. Wish us well!

I am writing to say that we shall welcome a visit from Florence Robin next week -- the only days which it would not be possible for me to see her are the 28th and 29th. I hope that you will take this matter up with her and let us know when we may expect her.

I am enclosing copies of materials which we sent Mr. Hahn* because I believe that they may contain information and ideas which Mrs. Robin may find useful as background. It would be well for her to familiarize herself with it, I believe, before coming over. In any case,
1. I should like to hear her plans from you or her as promptly as possible.

Paul - how about it

At Blue Ridge last summer you stated that you were going to direct an intensive membership campaign in one of the Tennessee cities, pull out all the stops, and demonstrate what such a campaign could do by way of stepping up membership locally. We are most eager to have you conduct such an experiment with us in Columbia, where we believe the time is ripe. Won't you study your calendar carefully and write us,
2. giving several possible dates when you might be free to work with us intensively in this way.

You may remember having told me in person that the state-staff conference at Blue Ridge has been called off. Please let me know if
3. any substitute plans have been made.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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* Please share with Les Dunbar

1964 - 1965 - 1966

PROGRAM PROSPECTUS

of

THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS, INC.

Columbia, South Carolina

SOUTH CAROLINA'S SPECIAL TRAINING FOR ECONOMIC PROGRESS

-- Merit Employment Program Needed --

JOB TRAINING: STEP and Technical Education Centers

JOBS: Equal Employment Opportunities

I. Perhaps the greatest and most far-reaching opportunity in South Carolina at the present time is a job training program called Special Training for Economic Progress (STEP) and tailored realistically to meet the educational and occupational levels of unemployed and underemployed South Carolinians. Set up for an eighteen-month period, with a 5.6 million dollar grant from the federal government, the program will operate on an integrated basis and provide training for 5,000 workers the first year. It is anticipated that the eighteen-month period will be extended and additional funds granted. The program will offer twelve weeks of basic education to trainees prior to providing job training which is available in thirty-three occupational areas.

Although there are some conscientious and able government workers involved in the STEP program, it remains true that the majority are not sufficiently interested to publicize the program properly or to motivate prospective trainees; concerned citizens must quicken local efforts and hold the government employees responsible for non-discriminatory selection of trainees.

There are three vital and necessary functions SCCHR must perform if STEP is to serve the persons who need it most: 1) it must continue to publicize the program and be able to inform people correctly;

2) it must set up and keep active a recruiting service, and 3) it must continue to assist the government agencies which operate STEP and at the same time make them aware that their performance is being monitored. There is no other voluntary organization in South Carolina which can undertake this work, and SCCHR must have additional staff and financial support if it is to step-up its efforts and continue them. Furthermore, the need which has been inadequately met for a long time of providing a merit employment program will be urgently needed, as never before.

Most of the state-wide and district offices of federal and state-federal agencies, and firms having federal government contracts, though required by President Kennedy's executive order 10925 to employ on a basis of non-discrimination, have employed few Negroes. During the "big push" last summer, SCCHR was able to recruit and place a few Negro professionals and clerical workers. However, there remained numerous unfilled vacancies. Also, it was evident that little improvement in discovering Negroes with employable skills would be made until more time could be given to developing a "skills bank" and involving concerned volunteer workers in the process. Furthermore, it was recognized that a sound merit employment program in South Carolina would have to begin in the secondary schools and colleges, inform and motivate students, school administrators and guidance teachers, prospective employees, and public and private employment services.

Negroes continue to request information and assistance in seeking admission to South Carolina's new technical centers, most of which are now desegregated. Policies of admission are determined by local committees, all white persons.

INCREASING THE TEMPO OF CHANGE: A "MUST"

-- Preparation for Civil Rights Legislation Needed --

WANTED: Open Cities, Services, and Facilities

II. A number of "firsts" in integrating public and private facilities are being brought about by the efforts of SCCHR, especially in Columbia. Many knowledgeable people credit the Council with unobtrusively helping to set the stage throughout South Carolina for orderly and dignified compliance with court-ordered desegregation at Clemson College and at the University of South Carolina.

In other important ways SCCHR is playing a unique role in assisting the urban centers to desegregate voluntarily lunch counters, hotels, public buildings and theaters. But the end is not yet! To illustrate:

> During the summer of 1963 near-crisis situations were created in Charleston, Orangeburg, and Sumter - South Carolina's version of the New Negro Revolution. Breakthroughs were made in Charleston largely through the efforts of the NAACP. Orangeburg and Sumter remain stalemated. Crises could develop at any time. Voluntary efforts to avoid eruption of violence, begun last summer, are continuing to be made in Columbia, Florence, Greenwood, Anderson, Aiken, Rock Hill, Greenville, Spartanburg, Newberry and, to lesser degrees, elsewhere. Many Negro leaders complain, and understandably, at the slow rate of change. SCCHR has members in all of these places and meaningful contacts have been made with persons in political and/or economic power structures.
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> Desegregation suits are pending in a number of South Carolina towns for the admission of Negro children to previously all-white public schools. It is important

that SCCHR keep closely in touch with developments, especially in the low-country counties of Darlington and Clarendon.

Concrete gains in the inclusion of Negroes in mainstream activities have been made; e.g., through the efforts of SCCHR, numerous state-wide organizations have either desegregated for the first time or resumed practices of open membership which were discontinued at the time of the Resistance Movement, and more importantly a number of local groups have done likewise. The South Carolina branch of the American Association of University Professors will hold its annual meeting, banquet and all, at the University of South Carolina soon. The South Carolina Social Welfare Forum is fully integrated. The Planned Parenthood Association is integrated. The Columbia League of Women Voters integrated this year as did the local council of United Church Women. Local ministerial associations in most of the cities, some eight to ten, are now open to all!

Though progress is slow and far from dramatic, it really "takes some doing"! Passage of federal civil rights legislation is expected to create the likelihood of emergencies. Although the climate of public opinion has improved, a greater contribution toward that end awaits additional resources of staff and funds.

LOW-INCOME RURAL FAMILIES

-- A Rural Rehabilitation Program Needed --

WANTED: Economic Aid and Job Training

III. The need for rural rehabilitation in South Carolina has been recognized for a long time. Little has been done successfully to get services and programs to the persons who have needed them most. The SCCHR program with low-income rural families, held in cooperation with the National Sharecroppers Fund (NSF) and financed by the Field Foundation, has demonstrated conclusively that it is possible to reach those who have been caught up for generations in a cycle of poverty, and hopefully by qualitative, persistent effort to break that cycle.

> SCCHR has been able through two large conferences held in 1963 -- the first in cooperation with the Penn Center and the second with the National Sharecroppers Fund -- to recruit alert grass roots leaders, to provide them with information, to encourage them to find solutions to rural problems and to help to bridge the gaps between them and the governmental services intended for them. In these conferences they have had explained to them such programs as Rural Areas Development (RAD); the Farmers Home Administration (FHA), the Extension Service, the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), the Forestry Service, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), and provisions of the Area Redevelopment Act (ARA), of training programs under ARA and under the Manpower Development and Training Act (MDTA). A continuing working relationship is maintained with the federal agencies which are of most benefit to those whom SCCHR serves.
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> SCCHR's program provides continuing leadership training and assistance to farmers and rural community groups concerned with credit, allotment, housing, recreational and other needs. Rural leaders from the 24 ARA counties meet regularly in 4 areas of 6 counties each for information, problem solving, and action projects.

SCCHR's efforts to secure representation of Negro professional staff in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) agencies, representation of Negroes on county and state committees, to secure non-discriminatory services and to call attention nationally to the inadequacies of these govern-

ment services have produced limited results:

> The Farmers Home Administration has employed a Negro worker at the State level and added another Negro county assistant director, Negroes have been appointed as committeemen in nine counties of the State by FHA.
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> A number of farmers whose requests for loans were originally refused have been granted credit, after SCCHR asked that their cases be reviewed.
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> In the December 21-28, 1963, issue of The Saturday Evening Post an article by Ben Bagdikian described the condition of a South Carolina farmer with whom SCCHR had put Mr. Bagdikian in touch. In early March the New York Times carried a front-page article on rural poverty in Sumter County and in South Carolina. In April an Associated Press (AP) article appeared over a Washington dateline, which reported that Mr. Willie Preston Canty of Clarendon County had testified before the House subcommittee on labor that the provisions of President Johnson's anti-poverty bill would keep him from being forced off his land by debt. SCCHR prepared Mr. Canty's statement and arranged his trip.

Apparently noone knows how many older farmers, heads of families, are burdened with debts, ineligible for credit and who need individual assistance with farm management. However, SCCHR is in contact with a number who are caught between agricultural and welfare programs and are declared ineligible for both. There is need for food, clothing, school books and other necessities.

> SCCHR is making an informal study and arousing interest in a program of surplus food distribution for indigent families - South Carolina is one of only three states in the nation which does not participate regularly in this federal government program.
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> Numerous individuals and organizations such as the American Friends Service Committee, the National Council of Churches have responded to an appeal from NSF for clothing. Quantities of such clothing have been contributed and distributed through key community leaders to help keep children in school.

CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND ECONOMIC UNDERDEVELOPMENT

-- Implementing Use of a "Poverty Package" --

NEEDED: An Overall Urban Program

IV. Though the relationship between problems of poverty, school drop-outs, military rejectees, and limited manpower availability are common to both rural and urban slums, it was in a Citizen's Consultation on Urban Problems, called by SCCHR in May 1963, that the interdependence of these problems was first publicly discussed and later received press, radio and television coverage.

Local councils on human relations have been involved in working to alleviate some one or a combination of these problems, thus requiring additional staff time for program services.

Recently in a public talk a member of the State Department of Education stated that SCCHR, more than any organization in South Carolina, had focused attention upon the necessity of providing basic education as a prerequisite to job training, and had taken a firm stand that MDTA training programs should be continued after it was stated that the federal government would no longer approve segregated classes.

There are increasing requests to form local human relations councils, and a growing recognition that such voluntary councils directed by citizens have a unique role to play even in communities where there are official or quasi-official committees on human relations.

It is believed that the importance of the STEP program, the necessity of a well-rounded program in merit employment, and the implementation of whatever "poverty package" may be delivered by the Johnson administration make urgent the employment of additional professional personnel by SCCHR. These programs need to be urban-centered as well as rurally oriented.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

-- Plans, Programs, Projects --

WANTED: Responsible Citizens

V. The South Carolina Student Council on Human Relations (SCCHR) is in its third year of operation and coming of age. Student interest is running high in "firming-up" the structure of the State Council and in organizing campus groups where they are lacking in the white and recently desegregated colleges.

High spots in the SCSCHR program are two state-wide conferences held annually at the Penn Center, Frogmore, in the fall and in the spring. Students are brought face-to-face with the specifics of immediate and long-ranged problems, around which they plan continuing programs and projects. Students from twenty colleges and universities participate in genuine bi-racial encounter.

During the present school year a pilot tutorial project is being effectively operated in Columbia, where there is a vital local intercollegiate group, which meets semi-monthly. The tutorial project at present is focusing upon preparing Negro students academically and psychologically for entrance into the desegregated colleges of the State, and to move the colleges beyond token integration.

A recruiting project is closely related to the tutorial project. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Harvey Gantt of Clemson, bi-racial teams have visited then communities since December, 1963. High school students, teachers and parents are being interviewed. The teams are also speaking at mass meetings where their presence and messages have served to build confidence and strengthen morale. The present recruiting effort is being directed primarily toward students who are academically qualified to enter the state-supported colleges and the private colleges, yet to be opened. Hopefully these and other efforts will contribute to the development of a larger supply of well trained Negro college graduates. SCSCHR is a channel of development of the State's future leaders and for recruiting trainees for professional work in human relations. Mr. Hayes Mizell, whose interest was developed through SCSCHR ,has recently begun work as director of the Southern Student Project of the National Student Association.

There is a shortage of experienced Negro secretaries and clerical workers judging by the experiences of federal government agencies and others which have made unsuccessful recruiting efforts. Business colleges and training schools in the Negro colleges are not putting out an adequate supply, or a very "finished product". SCCHR has employed at different times two recent graduates of business departments in Negro colleges to provide for them a first bi-racial work experience under helpful relationships, a work record and needed references.

GLEANED FROM RECENT CORRESPONDENTS TO SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

From the President of a College in South Carolina

"Many thanks for your correspondence in which you enclosed a program of the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. I was very much impressed with the program. . . I wish to congratulate the Council upon the excellent job it is doing in this whole area of human relations."

From an out-of-state Scientist who is now living in one of the State's most closed cities

"I so enjoyed that meeting the other day. It gave me an insight into what I believe is the effective way to solve these southern problems. Thank you for inviting me."

From a former South Carolinian now living in another section of the country

"How I appreciate the news of the progress being made in South Carolina. I'm amazed at how well the college integration has gone. . . Blessings upon you as you contribute to the cause of liberty and justice for all."

From the Director of Field Activities, Southern Regional Council

"Thank you for your quarterly report. It is a good report reflecting a good program."

From the President of a Local Council on Human Relations

"The State Council is doing a fine job. Local councils may be needed in areas where they do not exist and should be encouraged.d We feel a Council is especially needed here because many Negroes are afraid to join NAACP and that organization has no white members."

From a Friend

"I receive your letter and was glad to know that you'all are going well as you are. I'am sorry that I can't give as I wish but I trust to the Lord that he will over come someday. I'll send you'all a doughnation $1.00."

From a Board member

"It was a splendid meeting. Congratulations on (1) use of Downtowner for banquet (2) use of library for general meeting and (3) well planned program at all places."

From a member participating in the rural program of SCCHR

"We congratulate the Council on its progressive work and are hoping to see you soon."

From a former chairman of the South Carolina Student Council on Human Relations

"I shall never forget the first week-end conference at Frogmore, where I saw for the first time "integration" instead of desegregation, which I had lived with in the Army. But at Frogmore, there was mutual regard and respect, a lack of tension, a lack of that forced politeness which keeps people apart. There was something uniquely "Southern" about this, as Dr. Dabbs noted, but this is the South I want to see all over."

From a Graduate Student, who recently left the state for work elsewhere

"It seems so strange to me now to realize that before I came to Columbia I had had no opportunity for inter-racial communication. . . If I have grown and developed during these past few years, it has been largely because of my work with the Council. . . Where else could I have possible observed and discussed attitudes, economics, politics, and history as each applies to our region? Where else could I have found a receptive platform for my own pet theories and projects? In what other groups could I have found individuals interested in all of these things? The Council has provided me with all of this, and thus it has been not only meaningful, but just plain fun."

To: The Field Foundation, Inc.

From: The South Carolina Council on Human Relations, Inc.

Re: Request of a Grant for Program Development.

Background

Because sustained thrusts and court orders for integration have come only recently in this state, The South Carolina Council on Human Relations (SCCHR) has built its organization, program and projects to deal primarily with deep-seated problems: educational, economic, social and political, which are also an integral part of racial unrest.[1)]

A grant of $3,500 from The Field Foundation to SCCHR in 1960 effectively demonstrated that greater unity among Negro leaders and organizations could be achieved by working together on common problems and needs, and that at the same time demands for integration and first-class citizenship could be developed. As a result of workshops and projects, SCCHR involved and continues to do so perhaps a more widely representative group of Negroes, including alert grass-roots leaders, than any other organization in South Carolina.

Realizing that court-ordered segregation was near, in 1962 SCCHR requested and was given a grant of $24,800 for a two-year period from the Field Foundation.

The SCCHR proposed:

To make an all-out effort to strengthen the constructive forces in South Carolina,

To seek support from federal and state employees, labor unions, social workers, educators, communication personnel, young business and industrial leaders, veterans organizations, women's and youth groups, et al.,

To step up SCCHR's over-all effort to involve Negroes in mainstream activities affecting their rights and responsibilities in the total society.

Gratifying advances have been made in the direction of these goals as the report of projects for the first year of the grant period [2] and as subsequent progress reports indicate. However, a stepped-up, continuing, focused, and long-ranged effort is necessary if significant progressis to be made.

Early in 1964, SCCHR asked the members of its Board of Directors and others serving in an advisory capacity to help project future program needs and emphases. Taking into account the development of the Council's present program, the rapidly maturing situations in South Carolina and the nation, present pressing needs and opportunities, a first draft of a program prospectus has been prepared which is attached. Hopefully, its contents provide helpful materials to be related to SCCHR's proposal and request to the Field Foundation, Inc. of a grant for program development.

Proposal

Fortunately, a high degree of cooperation and coordination has been developed in the present SCCHR staff, thus making possible the maxium use of each person's training and skill.

Working relationships with such organizations as The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, especially the Citizenship Education Schools, the NAACP, CORE, The Southern Project of the National Student Association, The Y.W.C.A. Integration Project, American Friends Service Committee projects with students, on school desegregation and on merit employment, are mutually supportive and minimize duplication.

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2 [2] Report submitted to the Field Foundation, Inc.
by the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, Inc.
June 30, 1963

SCCHR's closely-knit operation has made possible a flexible, imaginative and virile program geared to dynamic and mobile situations which will continue to offer unpredictable challenges and opportunities.

During the past two years, program development at a rapid tempo has been possible due to funds provided by the Field Foundation's grant. Increasingly however, it is becoming impossible to meet adequately the requests for service, to develop the new projects and programs needed, or to meet unprecedented opportunities for job training and job placement on a non-discriminatory basis.

It is proposed to focus the present staff resources on making maximum use of South Carolina's Special Training for Economic Progress (STEP) program which affects youth(school drop-outs), low-income rural and urban families, with all of whom SCCHR is currently working, or proposes to work.

Through the SCSCHR, it is hoped to enlarge the tutorial program to assist the potential drop-out, to motivate the under-achiever, and to make a contribution to closing the gap between the achievement level of Negro and white students. This program will be urgently needed for a long time, regardless of whether public schools are segregated or desegregated. Hopefully in the future, public-spirited community groups will want to participate in a tutorial program as the beneficial results of the student tutorial program are demonstrated.

Through the present program with low-income rural families, recruiting and other needed assistance to the STEP program can be stepped-up, if funds for an additional SCCHR professional staff person are granted. Present expanding programs being assisted now by the SCCHR field representative which do not serve rural people can be taken over and directed by a person who needs to be added to the staff.

It is proposed that the SCCHR staff be expanded by the addition of such a person whose duty it would be to coordinate and expand SCCHR's present contributions to the STEP program and to focus his efforts upon recruiting trainees from the urban unemployed and under-employed. As the need for implementation of the STEP program decreases and the need for developing a merit employment program increases, the coordination of the total staff effort and that of his own would adjust accordingly.

It is not possible to predict what the timing or the intensity of responses to the passage of a federal civil rights bill will be. Unfortunately, The South Carolina Restaurant Association has already asked its former president to resign for desegregating his own restaurant in Spartanburg. The South Carolina president of the National Association for the Preservation of White People is an active member of his professional association of restauranteers. There may be trouble. However, the staff always works-as-one in times of crisis and will continue to do so. The availability of the proposed additional staff person will be needed to help increase the tempo of change, especially in urban areas and to give leadership to many of the urban problems which SCCHR pointed up publicly at a citizens consultation in 1963.

Undergirding SCCHR's present program is a continuing attack upon cultural, educational and economic underdevelopment through its diverse programs, membership and service groups. A coordinated response to implementing use of President Johnson's "Poverty Package" will be made; again the proposed new staff member will be needed.

It is proposed to retain the valuable services of Mr. L. S. James, who has demonstrated concern and effectiveness in working not only with low-income rural families in the twenty-four counties declared eligible

for area redevelopment, but also with the government agencies which are supposed to serve them on a non-discriminatory basis. Also, he has demonstrated flexibility and skill in providing leadership for acute needs of the job training programs and place opportunities for Negroes in non-traditional jobs. It is both encouraging and helpful to be called upon very often by state and federal government agencies as is done in the case of Mr. James and the other SCCHR professional staff. Of necessity these added responsibilities have slowed progress with the rural aid program. Therefore, it is hoped that funds will be granted sufficient for the proposed new staff person, so that Mr. James may be permitted to focus more fully on the rural work, which is of necessity slow enough, long-ranged, but very vital. So far as is known, the work with rural people being done by SCCHR is unique; its findings should be meaningful for rural areas throughout the South. Rural economic development is closely tied with and basic to the development of political democracy through registration and voting efforts. Plans are in the making to coordinate the four six-county leadership development meetings, regularly directed by Mr. James, with the SRC Voter Education Project; Mr. Blackwell has promised his personal assistance.

It is proposed also that the work of the South Carolina Student Council on Human Relations be continued and expanded. It is hoped that a grant will be made to cover salary costs of the present advisor, Mrs. T. J. Ledeen, on a part-time basis. For enlarging the program and extending the projects, financial assistance is being sought from other sources. The pioneering efforts of the Student Council have significance for the racial crisis, for the updating and upgrading of higher education in South Carolina, for the development of leadership for social, economic, and political progress. Mrs. Ledeen has made a notable contribution.

Perhaps an explanation is in order as to the diversity of the SCCHR program plans, which may seem unrealistically ambitious. In an erstwhile static culture such as found in South Carolina, progress in any given area usually can be made only so far and so fast, at any given time. There are many "hidden agendae": political, economic and otherwise. Hence, it is necessary to aim high in order to progress, to exercise eternal vigilance and persistence, and to be flexible enough to make whatever adjustments may be necessary to take advantage of new opportunities and needs.

SCCHR must continue to seek allies among leaders of mass opinion-forming organizations, to increase dialogue in the mainstream of state and community life. At the same time, efforts must be continuous to build an "open society", to initiate "integration-in-action" projects and to involve Negroes in activities of the total community. To these continuing efforts SCCHR proposes to rise to the biggest challenges which have been offered South Carolina and other backward states and areas since the New Deal program of the Roosevelt administration!

Request

It is requested that a grant of $18,000 be made annually for a three-year period to the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, Inc. to make possible program development along the lines and within the spirit of this request and the attached materials. Surely there are few areas of the United States where the need and potentialities for progress are greater to make a lasting contribution to the development of human resources, to the fulfillment of the American Dream and of Judeo-Christian teachings. Since additional funds have been promised for operational

costs, the attached proposed budget will omit items formerly included in budget requests to the Field Foundation. It is urgently hoped that The Field Foundation may wish to underwrite SCCHR's effort with confidence and make a grant to cover the requested budget. However, a continuation of the previous grant on a three to four year basis will provide funds needed to keep the present program intact. It will be realistic to be able to keep whatever budget is granted as flexible as possible.

Proposed Budget

Staff salaries (two full-time and one part-time)	$13,500.00
Travel	2,500.00
Program (preparation and distribution)	1,200.00
Overhead	800.00
Annual cost	$18,000.00
Grant for three years	$54,000.00

ATTACHMENT I

Florence Robin

ABOUT THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS, INC. (SCCHR)

SCCHR received its charter from South Carolina's Secretary of State in 1963.

The Council has been declared TAX-EXEMPT by the U.S. Treasury Department.

The PURPOSE of the Council as stated in its by-laws "is to carry on in the state of South Carolina an educational program for the improvement of educational, economic, civic, and racial conditions in the state, in an endeavor to promote greater unity in South Carolina in efforts toward the development of the human resources of the state, toward community development, and in the development of intergroup relations; to attain through research and action programs, ideals and practices which will result in the greatest good for all peoples in the state; to reduce intergroup tensions and their causes; to promote intergroup understanding; and to cooperate with local, state, regional and national agencies in the attainment of these desired objectives."

The policy-making body of the Council is a fifty-member BOARD OF DIRECTORS and an Executive Committee which serves between Board meetings.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES carry out the work of Public Relations and Information, Extension and Local Organization, Membership, Finance, Selection and Evaluation of Personnel, and Nominations for Board membership.

PROGRAM COMMITTEES work in four major areas of interest: 1) Education 2) Economics and Employment 3) Citizenship 4) Community Affairs.

PROGRAM SERVICES are provided members, cooperating orga nizations and the general public through local, district and state-wide educational meetings and projects.

Leadership training is given adults, college and high school students.

The Council serves Urban Areas primarily through local councils on human relations, and by Citizens Consultations on Urban Problems.

Small Towns and Rural Areas are served by a special program and by services directed to SCCHR members-at-large.

Special focus is made on the Church and Human Relations.

The Council serves as an alert "seeing-eye," and information and distribution center, and provides sounding-board, clearing-house, and rallying-point functions.

SCCHR's allies in voluntary and in governmental agencies continue to grow in number and in interest.

MEMBERSHIP in SCCHR has grown from around 100 persons, to which it dropped at the height of the Resistance Movement, to approximately 1,000 persons who live in 80 South Carolina communities, with a few out-of-state.

There are now nine local councils on human relations and state-wide student and adult councils.

SCCHR IS UNIQUE

It continues to be the only organization in South Carolina which is inclusive of people of all classes, all faiths, and all races who work together for the common good.

It conducts the only bi-racial coordinating student program in the State, and includes participants from twenty colleges and universities. It is the only state-wide student council on human relations in the South.

It is the only state-wide voluntary organization which is developing a program service of education and of economic self-help to low-income rural families. This is being done in cooperation with the National Sharecroppers Fund with financial support from The Field Foundation, Inc.

It is also the only state-wide voluntary organization which is helping to spread information about job training programs and to assist in recruiting qualified applicants.

ATTACHMENT II

Florence Rabin

SOME FACTS ABOUT SOUTH CAROLINA

These and other facts about South Carolina are being widely distributed in the State by mail, in meetings, through program discussions, by word of mouth in small groups, and on a person-to-person basis. They should help to answer two vital questions:

WHY DO ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD A BETTER STATE?

WHY IS OUTSIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO HELP THEM DO SO?

There is no workable plan in the State whereby it can be accurately learned how many children of school age have never been enrolled in a school.

South Carolina has no compulsory education law. It was repealed upon the recommendation of the official segregation committee and a new law has not yet been enacted.

Of the children who enter the first grade, approximately 70% drop out before they complete the 12th grade.

South Carolina is 49th in the nation in the number of functional illiterates, 40% of whom are white people.

More than 50% of those persons called for military service are rejected for failure to pass the mental tests -- the highest percentage of rejectees in the nation.

The percentage in the total South Carolina population of children and of old people, those who are non-productive, is among the highest in the nation.

Of the 46 counties in the State, 24 have been declared eligible for area redevelopment, based upon having a farm income of one-fourth that of the national average.

In per capita income South Carolina has now pulled up from 49th to 48th according to a 1964 ranking of the states in the nation.

South Carolina, Alaska and Hawaii are the only states without a federal program for distributing surplus food to needy families.

In the 1962 congressional election 21% of the voting age population elected the South Carolina delegation to Congress -- a typical South Carolina election.

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April 23, 1964

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for all the material. Your request to Field is a good one and I hope it comes through. If all or any substantial portion of the amount asked for comes through, SCCHR should have a good base for three years productive program. Also, I like the program prospectus and that type of planning ahead.

Florence Robin has read the material, tried to call you this morning, and will call again to discuss coming over for a day to explore things.

The Blue Ridge meeting is off, the dates (or part of them) June 15-19 are still on. I think we will reduce the meeting from five to three days now, probably June 17-19. Keep the week open if possible, though these 17-19 dates are almost certain. The meeting will be held in Atlanta and all are urged to have all staff attend if possible.

Unfortunately, our Tennessee membership plans fell through before they got off the ground. The idea of trying this in Columbia is good and I would like to help. Some things you and Florence develop might be helpful in this. I could come over on May ~~April~~ 7 or 14--preferably the 14th--to help in the first stages of this. We should plan to spend most of the day on it, with several hours spent with one or two of your best volunteers. Other dates are possible if these aren't.

Hope this covers it all. You put many a subject, and much work, into each letter!

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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THE FIELD FOUNDATION, INC.
250 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 17

April 17, 1964

Mrs. Alice H. Spearman, Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1320 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

This will acknowledge The South Carolina Council on Human Relations' application which arrived late this afternoon after my letter referring to receiving the request by the 20th had been mailed.

You may be sure this will receive careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice President

cc: Leslie Dunbar

Incoming Mail
Office of the Director
Received

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April 24, 1964

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Florence Robin asked me to write and give you her arrival time for next Wednesday. She'll arrive on Delta Flight No. 470 at 8:09 A.M., and return the same evening, departing at 7:20 P.M.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

May 14, 1964

VIA AIR MAIL

Mrs. Marge Manderson
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Done

Dear Marge:

Florence Robin told me the first of the week over the phone that she would have the preliminary draft of SCCHR promotional brochure in the mail to me by Thursday or Friday.

Not having her home address, I am writing you with the request that you urge her to get it off to me, special delivery, addressed to the Town & Tourist Motel, 1230 Harden Street, Columbia, S. C., where we shall be attending an all-day workshop meeting on Saturday. If she did not mail it today, it is entirely possible that I would not have her material in time for the Saturday meeting otherwise. Our chairman of public relations is eager to have his committee react to Florence's material on Saturday, so I know you will act in this matter promptly and efficiently for us.

Many thanks to you.

Cordially,

Alice Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

May 21, 1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Mr. James and I have just returned from Washington, where we attended the two-day public hearings of the National Committee on Farm Labor, and participated in the activities of the National Council of Churches in behalf of pending civil rights legislation.

We shall be expecting you on Thursday, May 28, and hope that you may find it possible to arrive on a plane in the early morning. Dr. Robert J. Moore, chairman of the Columbia group, will not be available later in the day due to giving exams at Columbia College, beginning around twelve noon. There is much that we need to firm up and we shall welcome as much time as your schedule can allow.

We are eagerly anticipating receiving from Florence Robin the first draft of materials she is preparing for us.

Won't you confirm your plans so that I may make a definite appointment with Dr. Moore? There will be several others with whom we shall need to talk, but he is perhaps the most important of the contacts.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ft

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July 8, 1964

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for the good report. Check enclosed.

I found the editorial and other press comment especially interesting. Things are stirring!

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Enthusiastic congratulations to you for holding what was by far the best state staff conference we have ever held.

If you can get for me right away Philip Hammer's Washington address, I shall be eternally grateful -- please have Marge send it to me pronto.

Unfortunately I seem to have misplaced the name of the charming former Peace Corps-er.* Because she is a native of Spartanburg where the field is ripe but needs intensive ripening, it would be wonderful to have her do a part of her field work in that section. Also, we need someone to pick up on our former student council members and other young adults and do intensive work with them. Might she not be a natural?

It would be great to have a person like her in our office for the direction of our fragmentary but ambitious fact-finding operation.

Thanks to you, I have now received from Fred Routh application blanks which I want to return promptly. There are several persons here who wish to be appointed as internes. South Carolina, and I would hazard the guess the rest of the South, are in need of experienced Negro professionals. We would like to focus there. What would be the latest date prior to July 17 when you would be willing to receive application blanks? How is travel cost to Atlanta taken care of? -- My materials from Routh have just arrived and I may find the answer therein.

Florence Robin promised us the promotional brochure by July 15. We are basing all of our plans for the quick follow-up of all delinquent members from then until the ~~rest~~ end of July, and will start our outreach to prospects and contacts in August.

You will find my travel expense account enclosed. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ft

P.S. I note in the leaflet on The Human Rights Program of the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation, entitled "From Victories to Gains," on page 6, the following: "A grant to the Southern Regional Council for an on-the-scene analysis of selected bi-racial committees." Won't you update me on the proposal and plan for carrying out this project? If the project is now in progress, who is conducting it and what are any of the tentative findings? You will know that this is an area in which we shall attempt to move ahead with vigor in the near future; the organization of and assistance to local bi-racial committees.

* Were you serious that Les, Helen Adams A.N.S. and I may be the eternal triangle !???! Won't you write me frankly and confidentially what we may hope for? We need & want her !!

7-15-64

Am I ashamed being so late in getting this to you — Dictated about 10 days ago and have just stopped long enough to transfer cost on the expense account blank!

Congrats. for getting things lined up with John Cheston and for keeping us posted! A.N.S.

a Spm

July 28, 1964

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Enclosed are copies of the application forms of two young people who impressed the NAIRO interview panel considerably.

For young Negro men I believe the men from Columbia are outstanding and hope you can find a spot under some arrangement for at least one of them.

The two enclosed are white. Of the two Sue Thrasher is somewhat more experienced and probably a little more mature. But, both are worth your consideration, depending on your interests.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

August 11,1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

It was good being filled in more fully about the Youth Job Corps by John Chester and his associate,Mr. Green. Won't you send me the latter's given name and/or initials?

This is just a quickie to ask you if you have any biographical data on Philip D. Hammer. If so, won't you send it to me right away?

I notice that Mr. Hammer will be a speaker at a conference scheduled at Montreat August 21 through 23. The brochure states that he was for several years an executive officer of the Committee of the South of the National Planning Association. If you are able to secure a report of the work of the Committee and/or other material descriptive of its work, I hope you will send it to me. Many thanks.

You will hear from me as promptly as possible relative to our use of an interne.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ft

Later - If Fred Routh will assure us of eligibility for an intern in January (or is it February?), it will suit us much better. Glad too for the fine Clearwater fellow _____ name? to get a job with you & then the Fla CHR! Let me hear & ask Fred to write me too - please! A.

a Spmn

August 17, 1964

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Enclosed, from our files, is some information on Phil Hammer. The material was prepared sometime before 1960 but I think it will help.

Should you have need of me to work with your membership committee or otherwise be of help in the plans afoot, I am available most any time.

Many thanks for the cooperation on the intern. If you decide to participate in the program in January I will do everything possible to help.

No word yet from Faye or the rural program fund-raising. August is a terrible month, but the silence isn't encouraging.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

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September 1, 1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I have just received your notice about the committee meeting proposed for September. I shall be available for any of the dates suggested by you. It will help, however, to know which of these dates has been selected -- like you, I seem to prefer September 17.*

Thank you so much for sending biographical data on Phil Hammer. We heard him at Montreat the week-end of the 22nd. Frankly, he was not nearly so stimulating in his presentation on housing as I had heard him when discussing merit employment and economic factors involved.

I am enclosing my most recent correspondence concerning the NAIRO intern. How do you suggest that I handle this?

Doubtless you will be hearing from us further concerning the Columbia membership drive.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ft

* Marge just confirmed 9/18 - ok!

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MEMO

September 2, 1964

TO: Mrs. Alice Spearman

FROM: Paul Anthony

This will confirm the date set for the meeting in Atlanta of the three-member special committee from state council directors, Friday, September 18.

Best.

a Spm

September 11, 1964

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman;

Paul asked me to let you know that the meeting on Friday will begin at 10:00 A.M., unless this is unduly inconvenient for you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

September 23, 1964

Miss Sarah Lowery
23 W. Hillcrest Avenue
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Miss Lowery:

Relative to a conversation with Martin England, I enclose information about Al Ulmer of our staff. He is available to be of any possible assistance to you and the Greenville Council.

I know you will enjoy working with Mr. Ulmer and think he will be able to help the Council.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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October 12, 1964
Dictated October 6

Mrs. Alice Spearman, Executive Director
SoutheCarolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

The SRC Annual Meeting will be held November 20-21. On November 19 a special meeting will be held concerning the state Councils. This is done at the request of the members of the Council who last year were disappointed that so little time was available for reports and discussion of state Council affairs.

This is to invite you to attend that session on the 19th. Unfortunately, we have no funds to help with travel expenses, but I hope you and your board will feel this expense justified.

Details will be forwarded later, but plan to attend if at all possible and let us know whether or not you can.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL
November 2, 1964

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Can you let me know just as quickly as possible whether Mr. Matthew Perry, of Columbia, South Carolina, is a member of SCCHR?

He is being considered for membership in SRC, and we need to know about state Council affiliation for this reason.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

November 6, 1964

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Am finally back at my desk after three weeks and have now an opportunity to read and acknowledge your good quarterly report.

First, I hope you will be over on the 19th and we will have an opportunity to cover a number of items. (We trust the Council will invite state directors to stay for the entire meeting - through the 21st - but don't have the authority to assure that now.)

Secondly, Al Ulmer is definitely available as time and travel expenses allow. He is, as you know, working in Greenville, and I will be interested in any opinions you have on his effectiveness there and his potential usefulness elsewhere.

The whole matter of the Sharecroppers Fund, the fund-raising for the rural project, and all related to this is dismal and discouraging. I hope we can discuss this soon.

If you haven't let us know of your intent on the 19th, please do so as soon as possible. And, please make every effort t to be here.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

November 6, 1964

Dear Vernon,

We're on the home stretch with plans for our annual meeting to be held Nov. 12 - - - hence this informal note.

I 'phoned Marge Manderson figures for which she had asked, including membership figures. My delay in sending them to you was based upon our present limp for insufficient clerical help in the office ~~to do the job~~ - - - our year is the calendar year and therefore we did not have figures which end on Sept. 30 of 1963 with which to compare those of this year. Furthermore, at the State-Staff conference in June, I moved that the award be made to Mississippi whose increase has been 2000%. Beside that, they deserve the encouragement. Perhaps all state councils need to coordinate their years with each other and with SRC. If we are to work as one, it certainly would have decided advantages. Frankly, don't you think the quarterly reports might be set up in such as way as to provide SRC with all the statistical info it may need; I'd be all for it!

yes

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in mailing the list of those who are serving on the state community service committee. Mr. Charles Daniel of Greenville died not too long after accepting this post. Our own A.M. Secrest is working on the community service staff in Washington.

Mr. Dabbs spent a while with us yesterday a.m. and we made a careful study of the foundations in S.C. I know quite a few of the persons connected with these foundations; not many need to be approached. I'M sure you saw how very small the assets are and how very local their goals are, many primarily for their employees and for community projects. However, some might respond to the youth and community action features of the economic opportunity act of 1964 and should be contacted.

I am convinced that the business and professional communities in the state are fruitful sources of financial assistance..... Hope we can get on with the job of contacting them before too long.

Always good seeing you. You did a good job with the Georgia By-laws revision. Wish we had you here. We could certainly put you to work!

See you Nov. 19th.....

Cordially yours,

Alice Spearman

Alice N. Spearman(Mrs)

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November 12, 1964

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Next Thursday at the special meeting on state Councils we would like to have a very brief report from each state Council. Unfortunately, since there are 11 states to be heard from, we must limit each report to no more than 10 minutes.

Would you come prepared to give such a report, including major problems and achievements (programs) at present, and major plans for next year. Of time permits I hope you can also weave into your presentation any comments you wish to make about the state in general, its direction, "climate," etc.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. on the 19th and will be held at the Biltmore Hotel.

Your president will also be here and will be introduced and given an opportunity to make any comment he wishes. You may wish to share your ten minutes with him. If so get with him beforehand and work out the division of labors.

Look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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November 25, 1964

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Please send me as soon as possible your budget for the James work. I hope we will have the funds soon and can begin supporting that program as of December 1.

It was good to have you at the meeting. Hope you are much better.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

December 2, 1964

Dear Paul,

Just a "quickie" now and a real letter in a day or two.

Am I glad that I hadn't taken but six days of leave this year! Came back from Atlanta and stayed in bed 3 days, barking like a dog and feeling worse. Hope that your cold didn't materialize, as I feared it would when you were commiserating with me.

A half brother to whom I'm devoted is here from California. He has had to live in the West ever since the first World War when as a young captain in the Marine Corps he was gased and wounded at Belleaux Woods(spelling?), so I'm doubly sentimental. The Norwoods had their first family reunion over the holidays, since 1952 and I've been on cloud 9. Park and his family will leave today and I'll descend to the earth and to a stout routine.

I shall need your advice concerning follow-up of a conversation with Dr Epley (? of the Ford Foundation) --- wish I could get it face-to-face.

Will send the budget for Mr. James as soon as I undig from the Milwaukee and Atlanta trips. .... as soon as Park leaves. Glad the first quarterly payment from New World has arrived and will come to us pronto. Many thanks.

What will be the amount of our SRC grant for 1965?

You did a good job with meetings & we appreciate you.

Faithfully yours,

Alex

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December 8, 1964

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

While I'm sorry to hear of your illness, the duration of it was good news almost; when you left Atlanta you were a good candidate for pneumonia.

In reply to the items in your letter of the 2nd:

Letters go out this week, some today, on the 1965 grants-in-aid. I am sorry all had to be reduced. Yours is $4,800 -- as is most others, some less. But, as is said in the letter, we intend to do everything possible to raise additional funds to increase the grants during the year.

Re your conversation with Dr. Epley, if time is urgent, give me a call. Will be in all of this week and Monday through Wednesday of next. Otherwise, I can plan to run over during the last week of December or in early January. We have several things that could be discussed then. Among them, how much use you wish to make of Al Ulmer.

Do send along the budget for James when time permits. We still have not received the funds from New World but expect them shortly and I am still hopeful of making the grant retroactive to the first of December. Saw Fay in New York last week and we agreed on all details of the procedures to use in the rural program, including the first support to South Carolina. (She has subsequently written to say you and she have talked and all is well again!)

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

SC-asp

January 8, 1965

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for the good quarterly report. The check for the first grant-in-aid payment is enclosed. As I said earlier, I am sorry for this reduction and can only hope that subsequent new fund raising allows us to consider increases for program use.

In the report, your mention of the needs for education of responsible leadership is noted. Perhaps this could be on the agenda of our first state staff meeting, which I hope we can hold in late February, possibly February 25-26. Are those dates convenient? More on this later.

On the financing of the rural project, we learned after our last conversation that the grant would not be available until 1965. We expect that grant at any time and will definitely make it retroactive to January 1 for SCCHR. If you need funds immediately, we will send you the first quarterly payment now from our own funds. Do you wish this done?

I enjoyed Libby's report and found the comments on the activities of Negro students in formerly white colleges especially interesting. Would she have time to give us such a report in a little more detail, especially as to in which schools these events occur? We would like to give this information wider distribution.

I am probably going to be in Birmingham on the 30th but will be back for the remainder of Fay's meeting that evening and Sunday. Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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February 9, 1965

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We are getting into the mails approximately 500 additional copies of the SRC "poverty" publication. — only 50 came

Perhaps we can bring rest back in car after 2/24 mtg. Aus

The meeting of state staff will again try to be a delicate balance of a little of everything. This isn't easy with the very experienced and the very new and to some extent the more experienced will have to sacrifice some time to teaching their new colleagues. (Within the past year, counting Virginia, we have five new directors!)

You're wonderful to handle this heavy turn over

All of which is to say I can't really answer your question, but it would probably be well for you to bring the entire professional staff.

Finally, I am toying with the idea of some breakdown of people into smaller groups at some point in the meeting. Good!

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

February 9, 1965

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Paul:

You can imagine my surprise at your statement that you never received a budget for Mr. James' work from us. This is the chronology of happenings as we recall them:

Prior to our annual meeting you phoned to say that New World had made us a grant which would be paid quarterly. We had some discussion as to budget which we have felt was a minimum one for a program staff member in the amount of $12,400.00 Realizing the tremendous need for training for rural people and the high cost of things, we expressed the hope that the $3,000.00 toward Mr. James' salary being paid by Fay Bennett might be continued and used for training purposes. Before leaving for Atlanta and the SRC annual meeting, Mr. James and I reviewed our basic $12,400.00 budget, made a slight modification and added training costs, making a total budget of $15,400.00. This budget I took with me to the SRC annual meeting in Atlanta.

At the SRC annual meeting I told you that I had the budget with me but that there had not been time to clarify with Fay the matter of continuing the $3,000.00 payment which would make possible the leadership training desired -- you will remember that in previous years we received grants of $5,000.00 and $3,500.00 from the Schwartzhaupt and Field foundations, respectively for this type of leadership training. You suggested that we clarify this with Fay before sending you the budget.

Fay visited us in December, told us that she had already rebudgeted Mr. James' salary for pressing needs and could not assure us any fixed amount for training purposes. She recognized the value and need of same and will work with us as time permits to secure a small grant earmarked for this purpose.

That settled the matter and we forwarded to you immediately the $12,400.00 budget and made the explanation about our desire to raise it to $15,400.00 in order to include pioneer leadership training projects. Since I typed this and mailed it myself on the way home one night shortly after Fay's visit and it had a return address on it, I am at a loss to understand why you have not received it. Also, I have had several letters from you since, telling me that the New World grant would be paid to us on December 1, and a later letter stated that it had not yet arrived at SRC but would be retroactive to December 1. Your latest communication stated that the fund had not arrived but that when it did it would not be retroactive to December but would cover the period beginning January 1.

Thank you for your assurance that the funds are now in hand and that upon receipt of this letter and the enclosed budget, we will be sent a check covering

the first quarter posthaste.

I rather favor a meeting of directors only in the interest of time and intensive digging in on some of our mutual problems, as the February 23-24 meeting. However, if another type meeting is planned, we can bring any members of our staff whose program emphases you think may contribute most to the general discussion.

Please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ft
CC to Mr. Les Dunbar
to Miss Faye Bennett

SC-asp

February 10, 1965

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

filed under Rural Advancement Project-

Dear Alice:

Enclosed is a letter formally transmitting the first payment of the grant to support the Rural Advancement Project. This letter, more personal, is to answer the several other items of your letter of the 9th.

I do this separately since everything from the tone of your letter to several specifics disturbed me. Les found the copy senthhim "disquieting."

One at a time:

I am sorry about the misunderstanding of the receipt of the budget and very sorry that I didn't have it. Maybe in a great fit of inefficiency around here we even threw it away. But we didn't have it and I'm sorry.

Next, on several occasions I stated and wrote that I hoped we could make the grant retroactive to December 1. Everyone was in agreement that SCCHR would be the first, we all wanted the program to begin, and I was acutely aware of the financial difficulties of the old program supporting James. But on January 8 I wrote: "We learned after our last conversation the grant would not be available until 1965. We expect that grant at any time and will definitely make it retroactive to January 1..."

Your letter describing the above two items implies hurt, irritation, and the feeling of being deceived to say nothing of being deprived of your just due. Since everything here, no matter how bumbling or incoherent, has been in good faith and vigorously in support of SCHR, my reaction was one of puzzlement first, then irritation as strong as - and likely much stronger than - your own.

That off my chest, we go on seriously but without irritation:

Your letter to Fay raises a question which I'm glad to have raised very early in the Rural Advancement Project. (Hereafter "RAP" as is said.) Prior to January 1, 1965, SCCHR and NSF had several arrangements with the "James Project," none of which involved the SRC. Any question of how Mr. James was paid or not paid before January 1 has to have the fact borne in mind and under no circumstances will I venture into the strange world of Fay Bennett's budgets and finances. After January 1, however, the whole world changes.

It is true that RAP was developed drawing heavily on the experiences of what had transpired in South Carolina. But RAP was developed with other factors in mind as well. Therefore, under no consideration is our present grant or the program under RAP a gimmick to allow the old NSF-SCCHR work to continue with different financing. I think we all should begin with this clear understanding and that above all Fay should be in agreement with us on this.

In the formal letter of transmittal, enclosed, I mention the division of responsibilities which is agreed to. Most importantly these include: making a grant of sufficient size that the program can be carried out, placing the staff person for the project on the Council on Human Relations staff, and directly and solely under the supervision of the state council director. In short, so far as responsibility and administration of this project is concerned, those matters are exclusively those of SCCHR. SRC is to find money (if we can), see that it is properly spent, advise as we can, and prepare any materials we can. So too, NSF is to provide any technical assistance and advice possible, but nothing more.

Earlier, on several arrangements, SCCHR and NSF shared all the responsibility -- for program and finances -- of a project. This is a new program, a new day, a new arrangement, and all of it rests with SCCHR. We worked very hard to get that arrangement and I feel it essential if the program works. This is more important with SCCHR than elsewhere since yours is the first and will set the firm arrangements based on experience for any others we are to start.

Al has sent the books on poverty, and an answer to your earlier letter about the staff meeting should have reached you by now. Hope both are of some help.

Look forward to seeing you on the 23rd. Don't bring your dueling pistols. Without any regard for Southern chivalry, I never duel with a lady.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

February 16, 1965

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Paul:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the first quarterly payment for the Rural Advancement Program in South Carolina.

Thank you for providing us with further information concerning the terms of the grant, which, I assure you, we shall respect carefully.

Cordially yours,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.)Alice N.Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ft

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

February 16, 1965

PERSONAL

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Paul:

All week after getting back from seeing you in Atlanta at Fay's meeting, I tried to find time to write you. It was not until Thursday that I was able to do so and that in the late afternoon just before the secretary was leaving the office. I regret that there was any specifics which bothered you and that you thought the tone of the letter was unfriendly. The truth of the matter was that Mr. James had told me for the first time that he had not been paid for December and that Les Dunbar had told Fay Bennett that the money was on hand but would not be sent until I forwarded a budget, which you said I had failed to do. I did not have, nor do I have, any quarrels with any of you. I am amazed that at this time it is even necessary for me to say how much I appreciate your helpfulness and have no desire to be critical in any way. I merely felt that it might help to clarify the matter with you, Les, and Fay for me to set forth the facts as I saw them, in order that necessary adjustments might be made.

I feel sure that when Fay understands that you did not receive the grant from the New World Foundation under terms which would make it possible to be retroactive to December 1 and did not even have the money in hand until about mid-January, that she will certainly want to pay Mr. James's salary. Neither he nor I have any doubt of this. She has been out of the city but returned today so we should hear from her quite soon.

I mentioned my understanding gotten from you in November and again in December that the grant would be retroactive to December because I knew that Fay had the same understanding. She told me that in December when she visited us. I am sure that this accounts for her failure to pay Mr. James and for the fact that she transferred his salary to another project, even as we employed an additional clerical worker. I am sorry that she and I misunderstood you. Now that you have made your position clear, I hope that I have made mine clear also.

Sorry for any hard feelings, which was the last thing that I intended.

Sincerely,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ft

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2/19/65 – called to Dillon on an SOS + send a few ideas from there re needed RESEARCH –

1) To what extent are voc. ed. offerings, esp in rural schools, geared to present day realities; e.g. amt. of voc. agri. when so few persons will be needed in agri. production.

2) Total fed. taxes pd by each state + amt. of fed aid rec'd by each.

3) How much fed. aid available but unused by each state – unmatched and/or unspent?

4) # of workers in each state not covered by unemployment compensation – total amt. of income, median income etc.

– hired the new SRC research director + promised to send some ideas –

Alice

SC - asp

March 12, 1965

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Enclosed, the check for travel expenses.

I would like to visit some time soon, but would much prefer dates that are most sensible for you. March has gotten overcrowded but April is -- for the moment -- completely free beginning on the 5th. Why not pick out some date and drop me a card. I'll do everything possible to make it at the time you suggest.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

3-31-65

SC-Ale Spm

Dear Paul,

This will go off tomorrow. — office secretary is swamped getting off mailing lists to George Butler of Pres. Comm. on Equal Employment Opportunity (confidentially the Vice Pres is to call a 4-state mtg. on Title VII of CR in Va - perhaps - in about a month or six weeks)

Then on top of this, Samuel J. Simmons has just written asking us for lists for the April 14th mtg in Atlanta! Working on this too —

Looking forward to seeing you - you name it & let me hear!

Yours,

Alice M. S.

SC-QS

April 5, 1965

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

There is much in your quarterly report which I want to comment on and discuss with you. In the meantime, enclosed is our check for the second payment of our grant-in-aid commitment.

With the Rural Advancement Project, we have a request which I hope will not cause you too much trouble. It is necessary that we have a separate accounting of the disbursements of the RAP, separate from your overall financial report. This is necessary for our records since we must keep a record of these expenditures separate from our other records. When we have this, the second payment will be forwarded promptly.

Finally, our auditors now require a receipt of all grants made. Would you therefore have the appropriate person note receipt of the enclosed check on the enclosed carbon of this letter and return it to us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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April 5, 1965

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Al tells me you feel our opportunity to visit when you are over on the 14th removes the necessity for an earlier visit.

I shall look forward to seeing you then, but hope we can find time for a considerable conversation.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

→ Not necessarily the case: I can be free — take whatever block of time needed — if you think best. I'm not sure what you may have in mind or how long it make take. Come with or without notice — or we can try to find time in Atlanta. The decision is yours! It always helpful to work & plan together — Alice
4-6-65

SC - ASp

March 31, 1965

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Al Ulmer has been invited to participate in the conference and will be over. I would not be able to arrive until sometime mid-day Saturday, therefore will not.

For our get together, what about next Wednesday, April 7. Can spend the day and stay over on the 8th, though hope that won't be necessary. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall show up at your office next Wednesday morning.

We have much to get discussed.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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April 12, 1965

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Time has gotten away from me -- so I'll see you on the 14th.

If we can't get things done I'll come to Columbia the next week.

Stanfield, Lewis and Dean will be here also.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

SC- a Spm

April 19, 1965

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

To my surprise, it's difficult to get from Charlotte to Columbia. The earliest I can leave Charlotte on Wednesday is 11:15, arriving Columbia at 11:44 (Eastern 303).

I will come directly to the office and perhaps we can begin with lunch.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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FRANK B. GUNTHER

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

June 9, 1965

Mr. Paul Anthony,
Southern Regional Council,
5 Forsyth St., N.W. (Room 201)
Atlanta, Georgia. 30303

Dear Paul:

Doubtless you know that SCCHR was able to make applications for Head Start project in twenty-four (24) counties, most of them county-wide.

All official contact was cut off between South Carolina and the OEO in Atlanta and in Washington until late May. On May 21 Henry Arneson 'phoned to say that for the first time he'd be able to come into South Carolina and finalize the night-and-day operation that we'd been conducting since April 26th. So -- on the spur of the moment, I decided to take a long-planned New England trip with a sister from Chicago and three first cousins, something we'd looked forward to for several years. We left at 6 a.m. on Monday, the 26th --- I'd had exactly one hour and forty minutes' sleep! Left all 24 projects in ship-shape. We had planned a fifteen-day trip but when we'd completed the New England swing in seven days and were back in New York City I decided to try to make the State-Staff Conference. Actually bought my airplane ticket for June 4th to Atlanta and rode to Charlotte, N.C. en route that destination, but doubts about a June 5th and 6th meeting began to assert themselves. I disembarked and 'phoned Frances Pauley, who told me that the meeting had been held on June 2nd and 3rd and had been most satisfactory.

Don't know how in the world June 5th and 6th had been fixed in my mind. And, I'm truly sorry to have been an unreported absentee. I console myself in the knowledge that I had already expressed my views rather fully and that you are most understanding and forgiving!!!

Please ask Marge to 'phone Frances and ask that minutes and other findings of the meeting be sent me at earliest possible time. Many thanks! I'm eager to be updated.

When I learned that NAIRO interns were being selected and we'd failed to receive the new guidelines, I 'phoned Fred Routh, who sent them to me. We're eager to employ Brad Poston and he is getting anxious to firm up his plans. Have you any inside information re the schedules of selection of agencies, training periods, etc. to share with us? Will count on your help, as always!

Appreciatively,

Alice N. Spearman

Signed in Mrs. Spearman's absence

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/EM

(copy & request under RAP)

July 15, 1965

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

We are enclosing your third quarterly grant under the Rural Advancement Project. Please note receipt of this check on the enclosed carbon copy of this letter and return it to us.

We are sorry this was delayed this quarter; it was because of my lack of clarity about the schedule on which the funds are to be sent to you, and it shouldn't happen again.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Activities

September 9, 1965

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on
Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Enclosed is our receipt for your contribution of $100. We are today sending the South Carolina VEP a grant in like amount.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

Rec'd 10/1/65

September 30, 1965

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsythe Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Paul:

On this mail I am sending reports from L. S. James of the RAD program and Libby Ledeen and Brad Poston which will be charged to the Field Foundation. My own report will be mailed tomorrow.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday in Atlanta. I plan not only to bring Brad Poston but another worker in our office who is a recent graduate of the University of South Carolina's School of Journalism. She is Ruth Hunter and I hope that it will be possible for her to learn more about the operation of your research office on the day that she will be there.

As a special favor, won't you if possible, have the RAD ~~plan~~ grant mailed to us tomorrow, thus enabling us to prevent making a withdrawal from our building and loan deposit, thus saving us the interest which we hope to earn on it? I hope this does not press you too much, and we will really appreciate it if Ruth Alexander can give us this service. I'm sure you can understand these little financial problems.

Faithfully yours,

Alice

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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Rec'd 12/13/65

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

December 9, 1965

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Paul:

You did a stunning job on our annual meeting and enlarged the already big place you hold in our hearts! Thanks a million for coming.

I was interested in the five-minute information you gave me prior to the Board Meeting. We should discuss in further detail. I am inclined to think that what you have heard stemmed from a drowning man's grasp after a straw (a job which he must have). We have discussed his interest in returning to South Carolina quite frankly over a period of several years. At the SRC banquet meeting we sat together and he told me quite frankly what his hope is.

We have a bumper crop of young hopefuls, for which we are exceedingly thankful and ambitious.

We are holding a joint Executive Committee meeting the first of the week for their response to urging by the O.E.O. to mount a statewide project for work-study off-campus programs. We shall need your thinking about this and I may be asking for an appointment with you in Atlanta if you are unable to come here, as I suppose you will be at year's end. Let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Alice N.Spearman,
Executive Director

ANS/ft

November 8, 1965

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on
Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

In the course of attempting to get the Ford Foundation to become interested again in the state Councils, I have had to do a summary of each Council's program, past and present. This has meant taking an objective look at the past 10 years.

In the course of doing so, it became apparent that SCCHR stood out, especially in stability and continuity of program and in the origination of new program. The stability is unparalleled among the Councils. Two of your programs -- youth programs and rural work -- are now being adopted by most Councils as a necessity. Your emphasis on the idea that race problems cannot be isolated but must be approached with an awareness of deep educational and economic problems is now being generally recognized as the only sound approach. This is no subjective opinion or blarney on my part, but just what the record reveals.

I am sure this is no news to you, but did want you to know that we are aware of this record. And, that we deeply appreciate what you have done and are doing.

See you next week.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

cc: Rev. Fred Reese

January 17, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laural Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Both Paul and I are powerfully impressed with the thoroughness of your quarterly report. Thank you especially for the concrete detail on the Rural Advancement Project and the South Carolina Student Council on Human Relations.

I have long admired you for the amount of work you manage to get done and I am eager to visit the office of SCCHR and to find a likely meeting as an excuse to get over there to meet your Board and the other people you work with.

Be thinking about something you could invite me to and I'll talk to you about it at our meeting on February 2.

Warm regard,

Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

ES/pf

January 17, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laural Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of $4,775. $1,150 of it represents your first quarterly grant-in-aid for 1966, and $3,000 representing Rural Advancement Project, and $625 represents the quarterly SRC's grant toward the NAIRO intern's salary.

Please sign and return the enclosed receipt carbon at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

ES/pf

February 4, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I ran across the note you wrote me during our meeting on Wednesday.

Of course I shall be delighted to work with you and your gang in any way I can to help plan a finance and membership campaign. Let me know when would be a good time for me to visit you and get together with you and your membership and finance chairmen.

Give me a little preliminary information. When is your next annual meeting or membership meeting? When is your next Board meeting? We may have a listing of your local chapters and their sizes, but I can't find anything yet, so let me know that, too.

Best wishes.

Cordially,

Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

ES/pf

February 24, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

In reply to your note of February 21st, Vernon says that Dr. Thomas is already invited to the Attorney General's luncheon and that Brad can come, provided he is willing to accept "stand-by" status. We have a very limited number of places, and right now it is touch-and-go whether we can seat and feed all of the wheels (other wheels, that is) that have already been invited.

See you then.

Cordially,

Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

ES/pf

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

February 21, 1966

Mr. Ed Stanfield,
Southern Regional Council,
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Ed:

Thank you very much for the invitation to attend the luncheon at the Merriot Motel in Atlanta next Monday, February 28th. Your letter reached me as we were wrapping up plans to attend the conference at Tuskeegee and I was unable to reach Dick Miles to plan a car-pool with him. I have just learned that Vernon Jordan has asked him to bring his car full. ~~and~~ He has notified Vernon ~~Hannen~~ to expect him and has given him the names of those who will be driving with him. He has requested that I bring Dr. Thomas of State College, whom he will be contacting tonight. I have not thought that the expense of this trip would ~~will~~ be justified if I made it alone. Shall I bring our Interne, Brad Poston and Dr. Thomas if he tells Dick, tonight, that he would like a ride? I should like to do this if possible. In any case, it looks as though I shall be coming and I hope to have your permission to bring Brad, also.

Appreciatively, yours,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

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Excuse mad scramble above — expect me + give me permission to bring Brad, if possible! Thanks Ann

February 24, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I referred the inquiry in your letter of February 22 to Paul, and he feels that it would be an imposition on Mr. Haas to ask him for a formal opinion -- especially when we do not know the details of the circumstances or contemplated action which give rise to the inquiry.

In general, Section 501-C-(3) of the Internal Revenue Code provides that a tax-exempt, non-profit organization may not have as a primary or major portion of its program engagement in political activity. This is commonly interpreted to mean that such organizations may not directly endorse candidates or support or oppose specific legislative proposals.

This general interpretation can be checked with any lawyer, and it would seem to me advisable for the Columbia Council to check whatever specific thing they have in mind with their attorney or the South Carolina Council's attorney. (On at least one recent occasion, the Alabama Council's attorney checked a question with the head of the Exempt Organizations Division of the Internal Revenue Service in Washington.)

Incidentally, if it is a question of SRC's involvement, there is no problem. We can contribute to any organization which at the moment has a tax-exempt ruling. In other words, whatever is contemplated might jeopardize SCCHR's status, but not ours.

Best wishes,

Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

February 22, 1966

Mr. Ed Stanfield,
Southern Regional Council,
5 Forsyth St., N. W.,
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Ed:

We have an immediate need for the ruling of the SRC Attorney relative to limitations placed on political activity for all of us who are the recipients of Foundation Grants. This need is, as I say, both immediate and urgent - more when I see you.

It has been my understanding from hearing Mr. Haas talk that political activity may not be an appreciable part of the program of a tax-exempt organization. Specifically he stated, as I recall, that given candidates and specific pieces of legislation could not and should not be endorsed by us. In any case, a committee of the Columbia Council on Human Relations wants this ruling in writing over Mr. Haas' or some other attorney's signature. Please get such a statement for us and let us have it at your earliest convenience.

Gratefully yours,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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February 24, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am pleased to inform you that an additional grant of $9,000 for 1966 has been made to the South Carolina Council on Human Relations as part of SRC's expanded grant-in-aid program. Enclosed are our check in the amount of $2,250 0- the first quarterly payment -- and another copy of the general conditions of the expanded grant-in-aid program.

This grant is to help the South Carolina Council employ anohter full time staff person, according to your request. Although the sum had to be smaller than that requested, we are confident that it is substantial enough to make the additional staffing possible, assuming fulfillment of the general conditions of the expanded grant-in-aid program.

Needless to say we are happy to be able to transmit this additional help, and we are ready to assist in any way possible.

Please sign the enclosed receipt copy and return it to me at your convenience.

Cordially,

Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

ES/pf
cc: John Hill Encl. (3)

March 2, 1966

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Paul has asked me to confirm, in response to your letter of February 24, that we will provide funds up to $400 for a consultant to help develop your SPEED-UP Project.

We would like to have enough of a report on it to help us decide whether this kind of program would be a good one to promote elsewhere.

Tell Brad to let me know how the membership-fund-raising plans are developing.

Best wishes,

Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

ES/pf

SC — Grants

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

Feb. 24, 1966

Mr. Paul Anthony, Director,
Southern Regional Council,
5 Forsyth St., N.W.,
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Paul:

It is my understanding that you have agreed to provide Consultant Service of Mr. Robert Woodward in helping SCCHR in the design phases ~~desired fields~~ ~~of~~ and preparation of the SPEED-UP Project being proposed by SCCHR as a demonstration project to be funded, hopefully, by the U.S. O.E.O.

It is my understanding that, for the present, a maximum of ten days has been approved by you in the hope that the Consultant Fee of $40.00 a day will be agreed upon but that $50.00 per day be considered a maximum fee allowable.

We shall appreciate confirmation from you as to the details of this agreement. Let us thank you warmly for your mature understanding of our situation and of the fine leadership you are giving both the local councils and the SRC program.

I plan to attend the Regional meeting in Atlanta on Monday, the 28th. I trust that it may be possible for me to talk with ~~Emory~~ Via that afternoon or the next day. Please have your secretary put a note on his desk about my planning to be in Atlanta and my desire to see him. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alice

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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Will provide funds up to $400.00

March 3, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Under separate cover we are sending copies of Black Belt Schools, Racial Discrimination in the Federal Courts, and Southern Justice: An Indictment.

Look them over and let us know how many you can use well. I would especially suggest distribution of Southern Justice to all judges, court commissioners, solicitors, etc., in the state.

Best wishes,

Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

Dictated 2/26/66

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March 1, 1966

Mr. Ed Stanfield,
Southern Regional Council,
5 ForsytheSt., N.W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Ed:

In a recent publication of the American Jewish Committee they list three publications of the Sputhern Regional Council which we have never received, or if we did receive, someone borrowed from us and we do not find them in our pamphlet file. They are as follows:

BLACK BELT SCHOOLS: Beyond Desegregation
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN THE SOUTHERN FEDERAL COURTS,(1965)
SOUTHERN JUSTICE: AN INDICTMENT (1965)

We should greatly appreciate it if you will see that copies of these publications are sent to us as soon as possible?

Appreciatively yours,

Alice

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

Good seeing you and learning too that we shall work together on an effective use of paper backs. Keep us informed. Thanks! Ed S.

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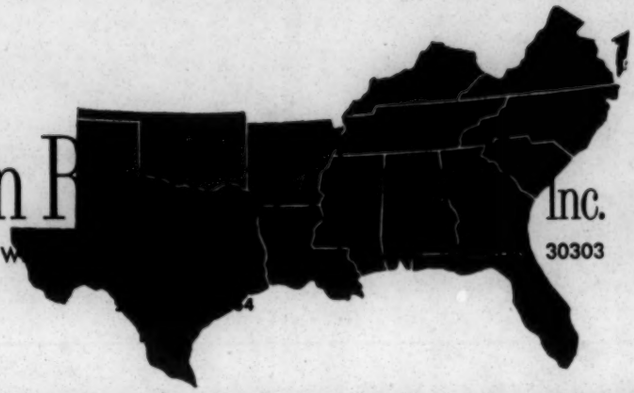

A Council to attain the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South

March 8, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

For our records we would like to have a correct home mailing address and telephone number of Mr. John E. Hills, Chairman of South Carolina Council on Human Relations. Would you be kind enough to furnish us with this information.

Sincerely,

Patricia Franklin

Patricia Franklin
Secretary to Edwin Stanfield

Bus. Address:
Committee on Technical Education
1429 Senate street, Columbia, S.C.

Bus. Phone: 758-3171

Res: 4405 Winthrop Ave., Columbia, S.C.

Phone: 787-5561

Pat: Send him a copy. file

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

March 10, 1966

Mr. Ed Stanfield,
Southern Regional Council,
5 Forsyth St., N.W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Ed:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your letter to Joe Cabaniss in Charleston. I am delighted that you will be speaking at their meeting on March 30th. I hope that some of us from this office may be able to hear you, also.

I noted that you were sending Mr. Cabaniss biographical information as he had requested. Won't you send me a copy of this or even something which is fuller if you have such prepared? We are interested in knowing all that we can about you - first-hand, of course, but this method will have to do before we can get more face-to-face time together!

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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March 15, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Mr. A. F. Westerdahl, who called yesterday to invite me to speak to the Aiken Council.

I do want to accept local-council speaking engagements from time to time. It is helpful to me. However, in fairness to myself and SRC, I think that expenditure of time, energy and travel funds should be as purposeful as possible. It would be helpful if you would keep this in mind in deciding when and where to suggest an invitation to me from one of your local councils. After all, there are just too many local councils for me to pay a "get acquainted visit" to all of them.

Best wishes,

Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

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S. C. COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1330 LAUREL STREET - COLUMBIA, S. C. 29201

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Please read discreetly

what do it mean?

March 29, 1966

Mr. Al Ulmer
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Al:

I regret missing you at the conference this past weekend. Mr. James said you did a good job. I had shared an insight with him which he tells me this morning you were simply aware of. Wont't you discuss this matter with Paul Anthony? I may need from ~~from~~ one or the other of you advice should a cructial problem arise. I refer of course to the proposal which ~~have~~ has been submitted to Washington for a state-wide effort in rural areas under the aegis of groups which have formerly worked with migrants. Confidentially I am sure that RAP and NSF can do a better job and should be the ones to carry this rather than the group which seems to have an inside contact. Won't you treat this letter in confidence but assure me that you have shared this information with Paul and Ed Stanfield? I look forward to seeing you at the State Staff Conference in Atlanta in April.

We shall need you to work with us either in our orientation or in-service training of the students who will be participating in "SPEED-UP".

Sincerely,

Alice

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ALICE SPEARMAN

A young, new, Negro secy. with more on the ball than some — but spelling, tenses, grammar — you'll forgive!

Dictated 3/27/66
March 29, 1966

Mr. Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ed:

I have been informed by Mr. Westerdahl that you will be available to meet the group in Aiken and speak at their regular monthly meeting in May. I am sorry that you were not available for their annual meeting.

I was glad to have your letter of March 15, and I quite agree that it will be well to tie in your visits to our state with other activities where possible.

I receieved your memo this morning setting the date for the State Staff Conference in Atlanta. We shall plan to be there and to bring the Reverend Eugene Haggans, who is taking Mr. James place with R A P.

A little while back I had a ~~requisition~~ memorandum from ~~one of your~~ you asking for reports on R A P which I did not understand. We are sending reports on that program made by persons responsible for carrying it along with the quarterly report from the student council and my own report. Won't you spell out in a little more detail what you want in addition to this?

I shall come to Charleston on Wednesday if possible. I shall be a delegate to the State Democratic Convention which meets that day. That and other pressures maynprevent my being there. In any case, I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Alice

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ALICE SPEARMAN
Executive Director

Sorry. Won't take time to recopy.
Alice

April 11, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of $4,150. $1,150 of it representing your first quarterly grant-in-aid for 1966, and $3,000 for Rural Advancement Project.

Please sign and return the enclosed receipt carbon at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

April 11, 1966

Mr. Ed. Stanfield
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N. E.
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Ed:

Mr. Eugene Hagans has received notice from Jac Wasserman about the RAP meeting on the 28th. I have informed him about the State Staff Meeting on the 26th through the 27th.

So that you will no longer be confussed, I refer you to the SCCHR executive director's report to the Southern Regional Council covering the month of September, October, November, 1965. Before making our decision to lend Mr. James temporary to the Southern Rural Training Project, we consulted fully by phone with Paul Anthony and our own executive committee. I don't wonder that you have not understood about this if you have not seen that report. We would like your reaction to our present plan. We ~~were~~ are looking forward to seeing you in Atlanta and ~~were~~ are glad that you were able to be with us twice last week.

Sincerely,

Alice

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ALICE N. SPEARMAN
Executive Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

April 19, 1966

Mr. Edwin Stanfield,
Director of Field Activities,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
5 Forsythe St. N. W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Ed:

SCCHR is planning an orientation for students participants in SPEED-UP June 5 - 12 and subsequent in-service training on weekends. The latter has not yet been rigidly scheduled. May we count on you to assist us in securing consultants in each of the program areas represented by Ford-financed SRC staff -- preferably the staff members themselves: Moreland Smith (Urban planning and housing?), Vernon Jordan (voter education and citizen education), Al Ulmer (community development and organization?), Emory Via (the labor movement, automation and sybernation?) et al? We'll need someone on the Civil Rights movement and think you and/or Paul would be fine. Could we secure through you someone like C. Vann Woodward to provide historic background on how "we" got this way? Further, it would be valuable to identify someone who could present an over-view of where we are now. Whom do"you all" suggest?

I've heard Jac Wasserman do a good job on the agricultural revolution and also on the "triple revolution". Your reaction and evaluation, please.

Hope we can discuss this quietly and in person some time next week.

Appreciatively,

Alice

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

SPEED-UP ORIENTATION 6/6-12/66

I. Motivational Self-analysis.

II. Philosophic - Historic (Dabbs) overview of civil rights movement, community (Paul orientation) situations in present day. (Emory Via, Melinda Dabbs)

III. Techniques for inter-personal relationships + group dynamics

IV. Need for collective power — Community Organization — like collective bargaining — (Emory, Vernon (politics), Al) (Whole day)

V. Population shifts - (Rural to Urban) - Moreland Smith

VI - Limitations of Educational Establishment.

VII - Welfare approach problems

Subject Matter —
New math, communication skills,

Your Participation Is Needed - - - -

Files Spearman

IN THE WORKS

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations (SCCHR) is applying for a demonstration grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington and we want you to know about it!

We propose to put 200 students from South Carolina schools and colleges to work this summer for ten weeks, forty hours per week. What the students earn will enable them to continue their education, thus enriching South Carolina as well as themselves.

Important too will be the students' training and experience in community service aimed at raising standards of living in the communities where they will work. Although their services will be as varied as the needs of the many communities in which they work, closing the educational gap for both children and adults will be a primary objective.

The help of many individuals and organizations will be needed to provide a wide range of useful programs and to give encouragement and assistance to individuals. Won't you notify SCCHR of your talents and skills, when, where and for how long you may be available to help? Won't you volunteer?

SPEED-UP, which spelled out is Student Project for Economic and Educational Development -- Utilizing the Poor, will be the first phase of SCCHR's concentrated effort to bring its unique contribution to bear upon South Carolina's unprecedented immediate opportunity for progress for all her citizens!

RAP - The Rural Advancement Project being assisted by a private foundation is taking help in the form of information and interpretation of governmental programs for rural areas to leaders in the twenty-eight (28) South Carolina counties designated for aid by the U. S. Economic Development Administration. Many individuals are being referred to agricultural agencies for services. Clothing is being given where urgently needed. Other forms of direct help are provided. Self-help, however, is the solid foundation upon which RAP is building.

PEOPLE make a community, state, or nation -- or they break them! South Carolina's greatest resource is its people. Won't you help to develop these human resources?

SCCHR and YOU - Won't you add your name, your influence, your efforts to that growing group of people from all "classes", all faiths, and all races who are working together in SCCHR to build a better South Carolina? Please use the enclosed blank in transmitting 1966 dues and contributions.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS about SCCHR and invite them to become members. New members and generous loyal "old" members will increase SCCHR's influence and added funds will strengthen its services. Send in all gifts and membership dues to the State Headquarters. Contributions are tax deductible.

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
State Headquarters
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Spring 1966

April 21, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

In reply to your letter of April 19, omission of the quarterly payment on Brad Poston's salary was an error for which I apologize. Our check in the amount of $625 is enclosed.

As indicated in the general conditions transmitted to you with the first payment on the expanded grant-in-aid program, the second quarterly grant is due and payable on the 15th of May, provided all necessary conditions have been met.

Incidentally, Paul has asked me to urge all concerned to refrain from referring to these grants to state councils as Ford grants, since technically Ford made the grant only to us and does not take primary responsibility for the grants-in-aid and their purposes.

We appreciate the many good things you are doing.

Cordially,

Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

ES/pf

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

April 19,1966

Mr. Ed Stanfield
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia, 30303

Dear Ed:

We appreciate your businesslike approach and beg your indulgence, which begging would not be necessary, I am sure, if you could be here with us as we bend every energy to setting up a statewide program for summer. We work against unbelievable odds at every juncture.

Mrs. Thompson's request to Mrs. Alexander was in no way intended to imply any criticism of you or anyone else. Our reports were pushed back because of a tremendous workload interviewing students from all the colleges over the state and notifying them of their status as selectees or alternates. Mrs. Thompson voluntarily gave her time to come back to the office on Sunday to type the reports which she says she mailed, air mail, special, so that you would have them the first thing on Monday morning. The Post Office had advised her that by sending them special delivery that such would be the case.

I was in the office briefly when she advised that she did not have sufficient money to meet the payroll without a withdrawal from the savings and loan. We would have lost our interest, which becomes due June 30. My quick suggestion to her was that she drop Mrs. Alexander a note, telling her of our plight and asking her as a special favor to speed payment to us. We had to do this only once before since 1954 and received generous and prompt cooperation. The note to Mrs. Alexander did not reflect any criticism but rather our current financial plight.

Mrs. Thompson has called my attention today to the fact that Mrs. Alexander's check covered the SRC and RAP quarterly grants only. Previously we have received the ERI quarterly

payment for one-half of Brad Poston's salary at the same time. It was our understanding also that the Ford grant would be issued quarterly and that the first payment was retroactive to January 1, 1966. Please straighten me out if I am in error. Otherwise we shall appreciate a check to cover these two mentioned quarterly payments.

Gratefully yours,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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May 10, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We have an inquiry from Mr. Doug Kelley, Executive Director of Encampment for Citizenship Inc., as to the possibility of visiting this area May 16 through 20 to meet with groups of students who might be interested in attending either the Encampment for Citizenship or one of the Centers for Education in Democracy. This is to inquire whether it would be possible for you to arrange for him to meet with a group of students in Columbia on the afternoon or evening of May 16 or 17.

If this is not practical, don't hesitate to say so. How about calling me when you get this and have had time to think about it, to let me know, so that we can know what to advise Mr. Kelley?

For students in either age group (15 to 18 or 19 to 23) Encampment for Citizenship is offering a full scholarship of $450 plus $5 a week spending money plus transportation to those whose families have below $3,000 income. For those with income of more than $3,000, transportation and all but the $30 registration fee will be paid.

Cordially,

Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1330 LAUREL STREET

Columbia, South Carolina

May 13, 1966

Mr. Paul Anthony, Director,
Southern Regional Council,
5 Forsythe St., N. W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Paul:

We are enclosing copy of the bill which we have received from Mr. Robert E. Woodward. You will notice that this bill to date is considerably higher than the $400.00 which you gave us as a tentative fee. Mr. Woodward was extremely helpful in developing the SPEED-UP proposal for us. He was especially helpful in the whole matter of format, budget, etc. We feel that we are considerably more knowledgeable since we have had his assistance and are planning to get the advice and help of Al Ulmer with the next Proposal which we plan to draw up in the hope of getting more field men to work in the RAP Project. Mr. James will be returning to this project about the end of June and we would like to keep the Rev. Hagans on as one of the field workers. More of this later.

Do you wish us to send check to cover Mr. Woodward's bill direct to him or, preferably, have it mailed through us to him?

Thank you very much for making this service possible for the SPEED-UP Project. We shall be needing, from time to time, your help to find assistants to help us as we proceed .

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

Signed in Mrs. Spearman's absence
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

May 13, 1966

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Mr. Ed Stanfield,
Southern Regional Council,
5 Forsythe St., N. W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Ed:

Thank you so much for your confidential report relative to consultants from your office being available for our orientation, June 5 through 12. I have reported to Cathy Tyler at Columbia College, the student who is coordinating the plans for the orientation, that Wayne Jordan and Emory Via would be available to serve on the program, on June 7th.

Al Ulmer is working with us today in Lee County, surveying a neibhborhood there in which we would like to place a student team this summer. I have arranged for him to get with Cathy Tyler and explain to her that she should ask him to perform some function in connection with his interest in ~~Credit Unions, Co-Ops~~ and self-help housing. I feel sure that they will be able to work out something which is mutually satisfactory - at least, I hope so.

While I think Mr. ~~Loren~~ Moreland Smith would have a contribution to make, I am not as upset, quite frankly, over his reluctance to come as I would be over that of the other three persons. We need to know more about his work, but I think Al's approach on the self-help housing meets a more immediate need and that we might just as well have Mr. Smith at some later date. Thank you, however, for making this initial contact for us and we will keep in touch with you concerning developments. At some stage of the game we will see that you get a copy of the entire program and request that you share this with Paul Anthony or any others who may be interested. We shall appreciate your fine criticisms and suggestions. We are inviting the creativity of all the persons with whom we come in contact and feel that the project will succeed because of the general spirit of helpfulness of the many people who are concerned.

Sincerely,

Alice Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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May 16, 1966

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $251.10., payable to the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, to refund the Council the amount of Mr. Robert E. Woodward's fees and expenses.

Please sign the enclosed carbon and return it to me to acknowledge receipt for our auditors.

Glad we could help.

Cordially,

Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

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May 25, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel St.
Columbus, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We have sent a check for the second quarterly payment on the South Carolina Council's expanded grant-in-aid, and have your acknowledgement. I feel, however, that some reply to your letter of May 17 is in order.

First, concerning the hand-to-mouth financial plight of the South Carolina Council: I think we here are well aware of it. For one thing, there are other state councils which have--or have had--the same financial pressure and which avoid it, when they do, only by careful planning. Please be assured that SCCHR has not been singled out in this delay of the second payment. Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Louisiana still have not received their second quarterly payment. In each instance this is either because the additional staff person called for in the grant has not been hired or because a monthly quarterly report of finance and membership has not been received as stipulated in the general conditions of the expanded grant-in-aid program.

In that connection, while there was some confusion, as indicated in my May 13 memorandum, as to the exact information

desired in these montly reports, no one else has claimed not to have understood that monthly reports of finances and membership (beginning with April) are prerequisite to the second quarterly payment. This is very clearly stated, under the heading Reporting Requirements, in the General Conditions of the expanded grant program, three copies of which have been sent to all Directors at various times since mid-February.

The statistics you have now sent on membership for the first quarter of 1966 and for April are very helpful and are what we want concerning membership. I note, however, that your financial report is for the first quarter only and that none was sent for April. I frankly dislike making this monthly report requirement "the law of the Medes and Persians" but it was made a requirement for good purposes--not least of which is to help keep your Board and membership posted on the financial problems of the South Carolina Council. Therefore, while we made this exception in response to your special plea, we do retain the requirement of a monthly report, both financial and membership, as outlined in the grant conditions.

I wish also to call your attention to the General Conditions, under the heading "Payment Schedule," the statement, "The second quarterly installment of grants for additional staff will be withheld, if necessary, pending actual employment of the staff person." In my letter of February 24 to you, informing you of the grant and transmitting the first payment to you, it was specified: "This grant is to help the South Carolina Council employ another full time staff person, according to your request." In your quarterly report for December, 1965--February, 1966, you note that Mr. William Roberts, Katherine Tyler, and Robert Anderson "will each be working part time until the end of the semester, after which hopefully one of them will be available for full time employment." I have received no word from you as to whether either of these or some other person has been employed on a full time basis, in keeping with the stated purpose of the grant. To this condition also, then, we are making an exception in remitting our second quarterly payment.

Alice, I gather that it seems to you that I am just trying--as out of some dark, sadistic compulsion--to add to all the difficulties you have in South Carolina. This is not the case, of course. Nor am I unappreciative of your trials or of what you accomplish despite them. Nevertheless, this money was given for a particular purpose: to provide staff resources toward building the state councils as strong voluntary associations, self-sustaining in their basic staffed operations. We at SRC are under pressure too--to see to it that these funds are used for the purpose given.

It does seem to me that the purposes of the expanded grant program and the grant conditions growing out of them were reasonably clear, but we have been happy to give you the benefit of any possible doubt. At any rate, I trust that this exchange has clarified all requirements.

Cordially,

Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

ES/pf

cc: John Hill

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

May 17, 1966

Mr. Ed Stanfield
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Stanfield:

Your memorandum to State Council Directors dated May 13 reached us on Monday, May 16. Perhaps your opening paragraph that "there seems to be some confusion about the membership information needed on the monthly statistical report which is required before payment of the expanded- grant-in-aid quarterly installments" are paid, explains why we did not receive our expanded grant-in-aid quarterly payment on Monday as we had expected.

You will be impressed with our hand-to-mouth existence when I tell you that we had counted upon this payment to meet our semi-monthly payroll. Otherwise it will be necessary for us to withdraw from savings and loan, which we hope to have draw interest until June 30. As it is, several of us are going without our pay checks and as workers on small salaries we too have a hand-to-mouth existence.

It would seem to me that if payments are to be held up, that it would be helpful to clarify any confusion which may exist sufficiently in advance of the date on which installments come due, so that we may comply with requirements which have been set by your office <u>for</u> us.

Cordially yours,

Alice N. Spearman file
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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June 21, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

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Best wishes,

J. Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

JES/km

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J. Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

JES/km

July 1, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Enclosed is our check for $4,150.00, being a $1,150 quarterly payment on your regular grant in aid for this year and a $3,000 quarterly payment on your Rural Advancement Project grant.

Thanks for the good report.

Please sign the enclosed recipt copy and return as usual.

Best wishes,

J. Edwin Stanfield
Director
Field Activities

JES/km

Enc.

file

July 19, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Ed Lewis and I have discussed your inquiry about the possibility of bonding the Executive Directors of the state councils. We also talked to Ruth Alexander about it.

I am not sure whether other state councils have their Directors or other employees bonded or not. But we feel that it is not necessary as far as SRC is concerned. We do, as you know, require an annual audit by a C.P.A. as a part of our grant-in-aid program, and this is enough to satisfy us -- given the amounts of money involved so far.

Handling government money may indeed be another matter. But we leave it up to the individual state council board of Directors whether they wish to have the Executive Director bonded.

See you at the leadership laboratory next Sunday.

Best wishes,

J. Edwin Stanfield
Director
Field Activities

JES/km

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

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July 7, 1966

Mr. Ed Stanfield
Director, Field Activities
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Attention: Mr. Edwin Lewis

Dear Ed:

A number of years ago, so long that I do not remember when, the SRC wrote that it was bonding the executive directors. As I think back, this was probably prior to our being disaffiliated and when SRC was paying our salaries directly. In any case, I am frank to admit that I have never given this matter serious thought from that day to this.

Within the last week, questions have been raised in my mind by the requirement by OEO in Washington that our SPEED-UP directors be bonded. It would seem to me businesslike to have the state directors and/or our finance officers bonded; what to you think? It may be that they are in some of the other states. It would be helpful to have this information from you and any advice that you and Edwin might have for us.

Quite frankly, SCCHR was such a poverty-stricken organization during the time of the resistance movement that we have never fully recovered psychologically and are proverbial penny-pinchers. We have never had any fringe benefits and until relatively recently our salaries have been notoriously low. We appreciate your effort as reflected in the recent meeting of state presidents to raise some of these issues looking toward needed standardization. Perhaps this may be one of the items we need to take up at our next meeting of state staff directors. We shall await with interest notice from you as to the date of the next state staff meeting.

Your news letter was helpful. Keep up the good work!

Meantime, let us hear from you.

Faithfully yours,

Alice

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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ANS/ft

October 4, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

After some delay Paul and I found a mutually free time to discuss the situation concerning your expanded grant-in-aid. I also gave him your oral message that the arrangements concerning the donation about which he wrote some time ago will be satisfactory; your half should be forthcoming soon.

As for the expanded grant-in-aid, Paul and I share the feeling that your changing the assignment of Mrs. Ledeen as a means of fulfilling the grant conditions is at best questionable. We are, of course, ready to hear from you further about this. Meanwhile, let me state our reasons for suspending further payment of this grant.

First, the grant was specifically "to help the South Carolina Council employ another full time staff person," as indicated in our letter of transmittal of the first payment, a copy of which is enclosed. We felt for a number of reasons that this would be most helpful to you in fulfilling the over-all purpose and general conditions of the expanded grant-in-aid program. Since Mrs. Ledeen was at that time employed by the South Carolina Council, and had been for a number of years, we do not feel that she meets the requirement of "another full time staff person"--even with a change of assignment.

In the case of each state council, with the exception of South Carolina, we have been able to report to the Ford Foundation a concrete improvement in the staffing situation. It seems to us that the South Carolina staff is very much the same as it has been for a number of years.

We agree with you, of course, that the amount of the grant was not enough to employ and support a full time staff person. But as was pointed out in paragraph two of the letter of transmittal, we were assuming fulfillment of the general conditions of the grant -- namely, a concerted effort by the state councils to meet our increased support with increased suppott of their own. A very slight increase in local support would have made adequate provision for an additional staffer.

You mentioned, while here for our last staff meeting, that you had in the back of your mind employment of an able man or woman to groom as your successor, stating that you were contemplating retirement. This was the first I had heard from you about such a plan, however, and it was unclear to me (and we had no chance to discuss it) the reason for the delay up to this point. Is this plan a late development?

As indicated, we are ready to reason this thing out and to work with you on any suitable plan to meet the purpose of the grant we have assumed responsibility for. I trust we shall hear from you.

It occurs to me that it might be well if you, John Hills, Paul and I could discuss the problem together. Would the SRC annual meeting be soon enough? Or do you think it worth a special trip to Atlanta for you and John?

Cordially,

J. Edwin Stanfield
Director of Field Activities

JES/km

cc: John Hills

October 19, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on
Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $4,150.00, which is the quarterly payment for your Rural Advancement Project grant ($3,000.00) and your regular grant-in-aid. Your quarterly report has been received, and I will comment upon it, as you suggested, in a day or so.

As customary, please sign the enclosed carbon copy of this letter and return it to me at your convenience.

Cordially,

J. Edwin Stanfield
Director
Field Activities

JES:CL
Enclosures: check
carbon copy

file

~~3rd payment~~

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

October 19, 1966

Mr. Ed Stanfield
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Ed:

Your letter to me which you told me you had written when we lunched together in Atlanta on October 6 was on my desk when I got back to the office on Monday, October 10. It seems that the several emergencies 1/ which had hit our office simultaneously (and because of which I had suggested to our office staff that typing of quarterly reports be sidetracked until the emergencies were taken care of) served a useful purpose. By the delay, I was enabled to reorient my own report to provide background for the discussion which your letter of October 4 initiated concerning the third installment of the expanded grant-in-aid which we had been expecting ever since August 15.

I hope that you and Paul will both have time soon to read our reports and give us the benefit of your constructive criticisms and suggestions. As I told you in our conversation on October 6, I have not even had acknowledgement from you of the receipt of my reports, much less any criticism of our work as reported in them. The one exception was the September-November 1965 quarterly report, about which you were both generous and complimentary. How was I to know then of the keen disapproval of our staff, board and general operation which you expressed to me verbally on October 6?

If the third quarterly payment is to be withheld indefinitely, I shall appreciate a letter from you and Paul stating specifically why this is the case. I need to have this in writing to include in a documented report which I feel I should make to our executive committee and perhaps to our entire Board.

As for your statement that "Paul and I share the feeling (emphasis my own) that your (our) changing the assignment of Mrs. Ledeen as a means of fulfilling the grant conditions is at best questionable," I can only reply that what you and Paul share can only be a feeling because it has no basis in fact. I shall be glad to take time to document this for you and in writing if you feel that it is important. As for me, I would

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1/ Doubtless you remember my telling you of the terminal illness of the SPEED-UP acting director's mother (cancer) and of the near-crisis created by a last minute necessity of filling out forms from thirteen CAP agencies to substitute for letters of intent previously secured from the agency directors, et al., which would delay our reports a few days.

prefer to give my time to the urgent needs and problems which we believe to be really vital and which we work long and hard to deal with constructively.

I am sorry that you were unable to make a favorable report to the Ford Foundation concerning the work of the South Carolina Council but am happy that the other state councils have not so embarrassed SRC. Nevertheless we are grateful to the Foundation and know that the $4,500 sent us has been carefully and productively spent. If this is all we are to receive, we shall want to write and thank them, especially the fine woman with whom we talked in New York City directly after the 1965 SRC annual meeting.

As for my announced resignation as executive director of SCCHR, there was no reason for my delay in telling you except that you were talking with other state directors at the time that I told Paul Anthony when we were all together at the Sheraton-Emory Inn in July. I felt sure that Paul would tell you, which I suppose he did since you wrote "This was the first I had heard from you about such a plan . . ."

As for the statement in your letter of October 4 that it might be well if John Hills, Paul, you and I could discuss "the problem" together, I agree that it might. Before getting your letter I had already told you in Atlanta on October 6 of my own hope for a joint conference with you and Paul while I was there. Unfortunately that was not possible because Paul was out of the city at the time.

John Hills has not yet replied definitely whether he plans to attend the SRC annual meeting. I hope that he will be able to do so. I may be able to come to Atlanta on November 9 [2] if Paul is to be there and feels it would be worthwhile. At one time he had told me he might have more uninterrupted time to talk here in Columbia than in Atlanta. I shall await advice from you or from him in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/ft

[2] Mr. John Wheeler has asked Mr. James to testify at a hearing at the Marriot on November 9 and I might drive over with him, if you and Paul think well of the idea.

CC to Mr. Paul Anthony
SRC

October 25, 1966

Mrs. Alcie Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Reâations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $2,250.00, the quarterly payment now due on our expanded grant-in-aid to the South Carolina Council.

Please sign the enclosed carbon copy of this letter and return it to me at your convenience.

Cordially,

J. Edwin Stanfield
Director
Field Activities

JES:cl
Enclosures: check
carbon copy

November 18, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on
Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $2,250.00, the quarterly payment due on this date on our expanded grant-in-aid to the South Carolina Council for 1966.

Please sign the enclosed receipt copy of this letter and return it to me at your convenience.

Cordially,

J. Edwin Stanfield
Director
Field Activities

Enclosures: check
receipt copy

Know you must be pulled in eleven (11) different directions and I don't want to add to the tug but the SCCHR annual mtg. is scheduled for 12/6/66. and will be happy to have you attend even though we're not asking you to do a special job for us at this meeting. Rather we're saving you for leadership in the very comprehensive mbsp. finance campaign we're planning for early in 1967. We're winding up 1966 with our system used for last several years but are looking forward to the "shot in the arm" your leadership will give us. See you Wed.

Alice

F - Alice Spearman

Dear Ed,

Delighted you will attend SCCHR's annual meeting — more details later, if there's time.

Thanks for copy of Dr. Greggers resolution. I may try to put some of my own ideas in writing later if & when there's time.

I still haven't heard from Dr (?) McLeod who promised to send me the name and address of a potential director for SCCHR — a Meth. minister in Ala. We'll need to know what you and others think of him. This development can't come too soon to suit me!

May I ask your help in providing me promptly with three addresses of persons with whom I promised

to correspond? They are

1) Nat Welch

2) John Griffin

3) Mrs Harvey

Three others also - please,

4) Mrs. Vivian Mason

5) Dr. Gordon Hancock

6) Miss Jordan (?) Vep of Houston CHR with whom I roomed.

Many Thanks,

Alice Spearman

11-24-66

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

November 29, 1966

Mr. Edwin Stanfield,
Director of Field Activities,
Southern Regional Council,
5 Forsythe St., N.W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Ed:

We are so glad that you will be with us for our Annual Meeting. I am enclosing a few program pieces and may send more later if we can get the program in final form early enough to do so.

As is too often the case, unfortunately, we have had a number of limitatioms to what we are trying to do. One of these has been the unavailability of John Hills - in fact, he is still in Atlanta today, and we have been uable, so far, to work out with him plans for brief and rather informal meeting of the Board, posO sibly during the two-hour lunch period. We have quite a number of working members of our Board who may not be able to attend any part of the Annual Meeting except the evening dinner. However, I favor the informal get-together of those who are present during the break for lunch, and hope that members who have not yet met you may have an opportunity to do so. It would seem appropriate and helpful to have you make a few remarks which would help to lay a foundation for a strong, concerted fund-raising membership drive in which members would be active.

We are getting a number of questions about a more formalized basis of affiliation of local councils with the State organization. Your knowledge of practices in the various states might be shared with us with benefit.

We have reserved a room for you at the Wade Hampton Hotel for ~~Tuesday~~ Monday and ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday nights, Dec. 5th and 6th.

Sincerely,

Alice

Alice N. Spearman,
Executive Director

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November 29, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

You are already aware, I am sure, of the approval by the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council of a grant-in-aid of $13,600 to the South Carolina Council on Human Relations for 1967.

The amount combines our regular and expanded grants, which were separate in 1966. As noted in the "Grant-in-Aid Conditions," a copy of which is enclosed, one-fourth of this sum will be remitted, subject to fulfillment of the requirements, on or after the first of each quarter of the calendar year.

Please read carefully the grant conditions, especially the reporting requirements in item 3 and the general purpose stated in item 4, to which they are directed.

We are gratified by the response of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations and of the state councils generally--to the purpose of the expanded grant-in-aid program in 1966, and we are happy bo be able to continue our financial support at this high level for another year. We are compelled to reiterate, however, that support of general operations at this level cannot be regarded as likely for more than one additional year.

Be assured of our good wishes and all possible assistance for the South Carolina Council in 1967.

Cordially,

J. Edwin Stanfield, Director
Field Activities

JES:cl

November 30, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human
Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Alice:

Enclosed is a photo copy of a letter from Rev. Powers McLeod giving the name and address of the Methodist minister about whom he spoke to you.

Also enclosed is a list of the addresses you requested.

Sorry about the delay. I was out of the office all last week and just got back today.

See you next Tuesday. Oh, by the way, I am flying to Columbia early Tuesday morning. Will you cancel my reservation at the Wade Hampton for Monday night--but retain my room for Tuesday night?

Cordially,

J. Edwin Stanfield
Director
Field Activities

JES:cl

Enclosures

December 8, 1966

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on
Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Alice:

Mostly I just want to congratulate you on the very good annual meeting of the South Carolina Council on Tuesday. I was truly encouraged by the large attendance, the broadly representative kinds of people who were there, the evident genuine interest in the work of the Council, and the reports of so much activity in local councils.

I did not have much of a chance to talk to Mrs. Ledeen, but Frances Pauley and I were both impressed by the thorough knowledge she seems to have of the local councils and their members attending the meeting.

One suggestion came to mind as the local council reports were being made: If reports about their current activities could be made a regular part of your monthly newletter, it might have the effect of mutual stimulation, as well as help convey the idea that local efforts are an increasingly important part of the South Carolina Council's program.

I am sending along another copy of the "plan" for the fund-raising campaign we used in Alabama, which I am sure you have already seen. Anything that I might write out specifically for South Carolina would be an adaptation of this. It seems to me

that the only thing we would need to do would be to get you and Mrs. Ledeen to suggest a schedule of local council goals and a time schedule. Perhaps Mrs. Ledeen would prefer to undertake an adaptation of the plan herself.

As you were saying, there will inevitably be some councils which won't do much with it the first year. But most will, I suspect, and the idea seems to catch on as the members become accustomed to it.

Cordially,

J. Edwin Stanfield
Director
Field Activities

JES:cl

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
5 Forsyth Street N.W., Atlanta 3, Ga.

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Charleston, S.C.
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: State Directors

FROM: Paul Rilling

RE: Blackouts of TV Programs

Some of the New York agency professionals hope to pull together information dealing with the action of southern television stations in blacking out constructive public service programs on human relations. They plan to bring this situation to the attention of the FCC, the networks, appropriate congressmen, etc... The only trouble is we have to do the work.

Will each of you do your best to determine which network outlets in your state did or did not show the following three programs:

	WUSN ~~WCSC~~	WCSC (CBS) ~~WUSN~~
1. NBC-TV's "White Paper No. 2 - Sit-In" - December 20, 1960 (This was on the Nashville student protest movement).	X	X
2. NBC-TV's "Atlanta - 1961" - September 1, 1961.	X	X
3. ABC-TV's "Walk In My Shoes" - September 19, 1961.	✓	X

(In some cases films of these programs may have been shown at a later date than those listed above).

- now called Inter - group Council Rilling

SOUTH CAROLINA ~~COORDINATING COUNCIL OF NEGRO~~ ORGANIZATIONS

The S.C. Coordinating Council of Negro Organizations, to be referred to hereafter as the Council, was finally organized in January 1959, as an outgrowth of a Negro Leaders' Conference called by the S.C. Council on Human Relations and held at Penn Center in October, 1958. It is composed of interested individuals and key persons from Negro opinion-forming organizations.

The Council, which met six times in 1958-59, is setting in motion again those forces which were working for democtatic advances in South Carolina prior to May 17, 1954. With ju dicial support, favorable national sentiment, the process of education which has taken pl ace in the state, and a growing determination on the part of Negroes, it is believed that once the process of communication between socially-minded citizens of both races (Negro and Caucasian) is effectively reestablished, the tempo and range of change will be greatly increased. The need for strengthening and uniting the Negro potential is real.

SHORT RANGE GOALS IN 1959

The Council adopted only three short range goals in the spring of 1959, two of which were realized. They were to retain bi-racial participation in the S.C. Conference of Social Work and to secure Negro representation at the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. The third goal of securing attendance of Negroes at committee hearings of both the House and the Senate in the S.C. General Assembly was not reached; efforts toward this goal pointed up the lack of knowledge of legislative processes and failure to make use of governmental processes by Negroes.

INTERESTS AND NEEDS

The attainment of first-class citizenship by Negroes is a fundamental interest, toward the realization of whice they are focusing in 1960 on registration and voting. The Council will help to coordinate the efforts of those organizations already working in this area and involve also in registration and voting programs a number of Negro mass organizations which have not formerly has such timely priorities. It will provide through consultants services more basic understanding of the present transitional period, practice in analyzing those situations and trands most directly affecting them, and opportunity to develop effective strategems.

The need for more trained Negro professionals to assist Negro organizations is evident.

Significant is the interest in strengthening family life, in lessening juvenile delinquency and in working for the reenactment of a compulsory school attendance law in South Carolina.

Interest is keen in securing N egro membership on policy-making boards and commissions.

WHAT FINANCIAL UNDERGIRDING WILL MAKE POSSIBLE

Frequency and regularity of meetings of the Council with a hard core of the same persons is necessary to maximum effectiveness.

As knowledge of resources and skill in using them is increased, the Council can become a clearing house of fact and action.

Coordination of efforts to enlarge the areas of the participation of Negroes in civic and political life will provide motivation for registration and voting and increase the acc eptance by Negroes of other citizenship rights and responsibilities.

The Council will initiate an information and program service to Negro organizations and the interested public as rapidly as its resources make possible.

It will promote in every way possible the establishment of a program of functional adult education, citizenship training, and economic self-help in the backward areas of South Carolina. It will seek to interpret these needs and stimulate support from foundations, and from local, state and federal government.

MINIMUM FINANCIAL NEEDS

Travel allowance for Council members, both to Council mee tings and to strategic bi-racial meetings concerned with problems of the total community.	$1,000.00
Secretarial services required for the full implementation of this program (to be supplemented by the S.C. Council on Human Relations).	$1,500.00
For development of and distribution of materials, information and program service.	$1,000.00
Total for 1 year	$3,500.00

FINANCIAL REQUEST

In order that the activities of the Council may be developed to their maximum potential, its program will need to be undergirded for a period of from three to five years. It is therefore requested that a minimum grant of $3,500.00 be made for the first year and that the amount granted for succeeding years be based upon the progress being made and the needs which emerge.

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC., FROGMORE, S.C.

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS, COLUMBIA, S.C.

The Foundation made small awards to two valuable projects in South Carolina. Penn Center, active for almost a century in community-centered educational programs for Negroes on the South Carolina coast, set up a commission of ten persons— bi-racial, with a qualified director — to gather at Penn Center for a study of racial inequities and barriers to progress in the rural South, Penn Community Services is preparing to implement the survey findings. The Foundation awarded $1,000.

THIS

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations seeks to recruit and strengthen Negro leadership. The Supreme Court ruling on segregation in the public schools was followed by intimidation of and reprisals against Negroes who sought compliance. Fear and confusion lead to disunity within and between Negro and white groups. The Council is developing programs through parent-teacher groups, women's clubs, youth organizations and lodges to bring leaders together on the basis of their common interests. Increased readiness for progress is resulting. The Foundation granted $3,500.

Taken from Field Foundation's annual report copy

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June 15, 1955

Mr. J. Claude Evans
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Evans:

That which we had hoped for from the beginning is now possible -- an integrated, full-time staff in each of the twelve Southern states. As a consequence of the reallocation of certain funds (an additional $2,500 per state) we are now in position to assure you of assistance from SRC in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955, which would enable your state organization to cover the entire salary at $5,000 of an Associate Director for those twelve months.

In addition there is sufficient money to cover the salary of a full-time Associate Director by your state organization for the remaining months of the current fiscal year; thus you can assure prospective candidates of at least fifteen months employment.

It would be our requirement that the starting salary paid to the Associate Director be the same as was the starting salary of your Executive Director.

Your Executive Committee or Personnel Committee should seek qualified candidates for the position as quickly as possible. We do not mean to imply that speed is more important than quality. Before final commitments are made for employing an Associate Director the Central Office must give its approval according to our agreement with the state organizations.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
State Organizations

FBR/eab

cc: Mrs. E. H. Spearman
CHP
FBR

July 7, 1955

Mr. J. Claude Evans
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Evans:

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council in November, 1954, the requirement was made that as to all personnel employed in the Atlanta office and in state programs assisted by SRC, evidence be adduced as to loyalty. Procedurally, this worked out as a certificate by the chairman of each state organization establishing, in his judgment, the loyalty of all personnel employed in a state group.

Your predecessor very kindly executed such a statement covering Mrs. Spearman.

Now there is the matter of completing the files by executing one for the new secretary. If you will be so kind as to do that and return the statement to me, we will be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: KS

27 September 1955

Mr. J. Claude Evans
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Evans:

On October 29, 1954, Dr. Mitchell wrote all state organization chairmen stating that the Southern Regional Council would require of each state organization a statement at the end of the fiscal year certifying that they had not engaged in political activity.

In compliance with the request, will you please fill in the enclosed memorandum, sign it, and mail it at your earliest convenience to Dr. Mitchell. These will be filed as part of the permanent record of the state organizations affiliated with the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/ys

FILE COPY

October 4, 1955

Mr. J. Claude Evans
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Evans:

The Fund for the Republic has approved a grant to the Southern Regional Council for the second fiscal year, October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956. The total grant for this second period is $150,000, of which we regard $25,000 as available for the central office in Atlanta. We will carry through on the commitment in Memo #1 to provide for your state $10,500. In addition to that, as notified to you in Fred Routh's letter of June 15, 1955, we can cover an extra $2,500 (by carry-over from last year's money) to enable the employment of an associate director on a full-time basis. The two sums together are $13,000.

Of the $13,000, $5,000 is payable for the basic salary of an executive director; $5,000 for the basic salary of an associate director; and $2,500 for secretarial help. Which is to say that $12,500 is committed to salaries. Of the remaining $500, approximately half must cover social security, bonding, and required insurance. Thus we can supply to you toward local operating expenses in this fiscal year only $250.

That is a considerable leap at one time we know toward self-sufficiency, but it is all we can do. And the obvious answer is a strong and effective finance committee for each state.

In order for SRC to meet its commitment to the Fund for the Republic, it will be necessary for your organization to raise, from sources other than SRC, in this fiscal year, a minimum of $3,500. As heretofore, unless this amount is independently raised, it will not be possible for SRC to aid your organization in the third grant period.

It was said above that we have available for your organization a total of $5,000 toward the basic salary of an associate director. We are willing to consider state by state the use of some part-time consultants for fulfilling this function if that should seem desirable.

Arrangements for salary checks, monthly reports, and other details will continue in this fiscal year as in last.

Let me know if you have questions as to these figures.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

FBR
GSM/eab

CC: FBR
CHP
RA

October 24, 1955

Mr. J. Claude Evans
Methodist Advocate
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Claude:

Thank you for your letter of October 21 requesting information about Communism and Race. I would suggest that you get hold of two books (1) Negro and Communism by C. W. Record and (2) An American Dilemma by Gunnar Myrdil. Both of these books are on authoritative study and should be a great help to you.

In the event it is impossible to obtain copies of the books in the library in Columbia, we could send them to you on loan. About your best bet would be the university libraries and most particularly the special library of the Department of Sociology.

I enjoyed the evening in your home very much and thought you had a very charming wife.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/ys

SOUTH CAROLINA
METHODIST
Advocate

J. CLAUDE EVANS, EDITOR P. O. BOX 867 COLUMBIA S. C.

Oct. 21, 1955

Mr. Fred Routh
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta Ga.

Dear Mr. Routh:

I am doing some editorials on Communism and Race, and need some factual information about the experience of the NAACP with Communist efforts at infiltration etc. While I amy not use everything you can send me on this matter, I will need it for background information and rebuttal.

So far, about all I can find on the subject comes from World Communism Today by Ebon, and American Communism by O'Neal and Werner.

Enjoyed the evening with you two weeks ago. Hope you will be coming our way again one of these days.

Sincerely,

J Claude Evans

J. Claude Evans

C. Wilson Record *The Negro & Communism.*

November 8, 1955

Mr. J. Claude Evans, Chairman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Evans:

The Executive Committee of the Council at its last meeting on October 28-29, 1955 approved an arrangement whereby the Chairman of each affiliated State Organization would be asked to nominate a member from his particular state to serve on a Finance Committee for the Southern Regional Council. It was agreed also that each state council would receive one half of the funds raised in its particular state by this proposed SRC committee.

The Executive Director has asked that I write to you and solicit your cooperation in selecting such a person from your state ot serve on this proposed committee. The SRC Finance Committee must be formally a committee of the Board of Directors of SRC. But it is agreed that by no means all of the members of the committee need be members of the Board. So you are at liberty to suggest anybody in your state who could be helpful and who likely would be. We have no concern as to the race of members of this committee, and hope that some states will name persons from one group and others from another group.

It is very important that we proceed speedily to get an SRC Finance Committee into action.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

November 22, 1955

Rev. J. Claude Evans, Chairman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Evans:

We appreciate your prompt response to our request in regards to a selection of one of your members to serve on a SRC Finance Committee.

We are quite sure that Mr. J. M. Dabbs of Mayesville, South Carolina, will make an important contribution to the work of this Committee. You and Mr. Dabbs will be notified as soon as the formation of this Committee is completed and ready to function.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Marion Wright
Fred Routh
J. M. Dabbs

December 29, 1955

Mr. J. Claude Evans, Editor
SOUTH CAROLINA METHODIST ADVOCATE
P.O. Box 867
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter is hard to answer, but I'll do my best.

I have always thought that the truth was that the SCHW had in it a few people who were influenced by communism, but for the years in which I knew it with any intimacy (1938 and 1944-47) there was genuine democratic discussion of policy, and watchfulness on the part of the great majority of the Board that Board policies, and not other policies, were carried out. I would not go so far as to designate the SCHW as a united front movement; it was tolerant, that is true, of people who were believed to reflect some Communist influence, yet it made its own policy, which it certainly believed was not a Communist policy.

Frank Graham -- who was first president and later honorary president of SCHW-- everyone respected, and loved. True that he was seldom at Board meetings, and that his views would have been deferred to on almost any issue.

Yet it is clear to me that there were some actual Communist-line people at the 1938 convention which launched the SCHW (that was not announced at the time); and every once in a while I did see some matter that seemed to me traceable to Communist connections.

My own judgment is that the error was not Communist influence (which was never in my view dominant) but poor judgment, poor taste, and poor strategy. It may be worth noting that the

evidence of Communist penetration has not been sufficient to persuade the United States Attorney General to list the SCHW as subversive.

All of which doesn't help you with your paragraph. But it does add up to a belief on my part that the paragraph concedes more than is due to the accusations that the SCHW was a Communist front.

The public record, so far as readily available, is in three main documents, from two of which I quote:

(1) Record, The Negro and The Communist Party

(2) Editorial from The Atlanta Constitution

(3) Harvard Law Review Oct. 1947: "Report on a Report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.

GSM:mf

Enc.

THE NEGRO AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY
By Wilson Record

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"The SCHW was organised in Birmingham, Alabama, in November, 1938. The Party, in line with its program of unifying "all the progressive forces in the South," participated in the preliminary efforts to establish the new agency. In addition, it sent a number of delegates to the Birmingham meeting and was further represented through some of the trade union and youth organizations which it controlled. The Party, however, did not play the key role in the organization or procedures of the first SCHW meeting. The initative came primarily from the Southern Policy Committee, which included white liberals and labor leaders, educators and churchmen, with a number of Negroes participating in a somewhat informal capacity.

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"...There was a tendency at that time, one which has increased in recent years, to credit formation and initial control of the SCHW to the Party itself. To suggest that this was the case, however, is to misunderstand the nature and composition of the 1938 Conference, and greatly to overestimate Party influence in the South. The Party later captured the organization, but its initial influence was limited."

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"Communist spokesmen and delegates at the 1940 meeting of the SCHW, under the direction of Rob F. Hall, Party Secretary for Alabama, attempted to force through the Conference an eight-point "uncompromising" peace policy. The Communists, however, were forcefully opposed by many of the labor and liberal groups under the leadership of President Frank Graham. Debate on the Party's proposals became very bitter and at one point fist fights threatened. The SCHW went on record as opposing war appropriations at the expense of the underprivileged people of the South, but at the same time it condemned aggression by Communists as well as Nazis.

"The 1940 meeting led to further schisms within the SCHW, from which it was never completely to recover. Some groups thought that the Communists controlled the Chattanooga meeting and viewed the resolution on war and foreign policy as an indirect indorsement of the Party position. While few groups officially withdrew from the Conference, their support was lost for all practical purposes. The resolutions adopted on such issues as civil rights, labor, welfare, farm tenancy and others were similar to those of the first meeting of 1938. They represented a continuation of the program worked out at Birmingham, on which there had been an impressive amount of agreement. While the Party applauded these decisions and commended the work

of the Conference in the economic and political fields, it was far from satisfied with the foreign policy program. Hall, for example, declared:

"'There were weaknesses in the Chattanooga conference, due partly to the failure of honest progressives to orient themselves to the new situation caused by the outbreak of the imperialist war and the abandonment of the New Deal by Roosevelt, and partly due to the failure of labor to come forward boldly to give leadership to the movement.'"

SOUTH CAROLINA
METHODIST
Advocate

J. CLAUDE EVANS, EDITOR P. O. BOX 867 COLUMBIA S. C.

December 23, 1955

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Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I need some information relative to the old Southern Conference for Human Welfare. In a forthcoming editorial, I am saying something like this: "The old Southern Conference for Human Welfare is a close home example of a united front group. It hewed pretty close to the Communist line, except when Dr. Frank P. Graham happened to be present. When Graham was there, his brilliant leadership kept the organization away from the party line. Unfortunately, busy Dr. Graham did not have the time to attend nearly enough board meetings or keep close enough in touch to keep the organization out of Communist control."

Is the above statement true? I base it from memory on a lecture by Dr. Liston Pope of Yale many years ago now. So my memory may be at fault. Was Dr. Graham a member of the executive board of the old S.C.H.R.? Was his influence decisive?

Any light you, or one of your research associates can give me on this matter will be appreciated.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Claude Evans

J. Claude Evans

August 6, 1956

Mr. J. Claude Evans, Chairman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Evans:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, at its meeting July 20-21, approved a plan for tailor-made allocation of funds to state organizations for the third grant period. Central office staff was authorized to modify, by not more than 25%, the allocation of funds proposed in Memo # 1. The Executive Committee's action was based on a desire to maintain presently employed professional staff.

The grant to the South Carolina Council for the third grant period (October 1, 1956 - September 30, 1957) totals $10,000; this entire amount is set aside for the salaries of the Executive Director and the Associate Director. Salary for clerical help for the coming fiscal year must be raised by your state organization along with other operating expenses.

This proposal is dependent upon your state organization raising the required minimum of $3,500 for this current fiscal year; you will recall that the required minimum for the next fiscal year (1956-57) is $6,500.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

cc: Mrs. E. H. Spearman

July 22, 1957

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I am pleased to inform you that our Executive Committee, at its meeting just concluded, approved a grant-in-aid to the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, for the fiscal year 1957-58, in the amount of $5,000. Final approval of this sum is contingent on a mutually satisfactory agreement as to the matters discussed below.

The Executive Committee regretted that it was unable to grant an amount as large as that requested. As you know, the total available was $40,000, and eleven state organizations had to be considered.

This means that the average figure is only about $3,600. The amount tentatively allocated to South Carolina is well above this average and, in fact, was the largest amount allocated to any state group. This favorable action was based on the assumption that the South Carolina Council intends to continue with some form of bi-racial staff activity, as well as recognition of past achievement and soundness of proposed program.

Obviously, in view of the curtailed amount granted, it will be necessary for our program and budget to be reconsidered. Will you advise us at your earliest opportunity what modifications the South Carolina Council feels it must make in the proposal as submitted?

Once the terms of the grant are satisfactorily worked out, the following conditions, as set by the Executive Committee, will apply:

(1) The grant will be distributed on a quarterly basis effective October 1, 1957.

(2) Succeeding quarterly distributions will be contingent on adequacy of performance, in terms of the agreement under which the grant is made. To this end, you will be requested to submit brief quarterly progress reports on program activities and fund-raising.

(3) The grant-in-aid is not earmarked for any specific expense, but may be applied against the total budgetary needs of the organization.

(4) Since the grant is not earmarked, and since our affiliate relationship expires on October 1st, your organization will handle its own payroll, including the withholding of income taxes and social security after that date.

(5) As has been true during the subsidy period, these funds are granted on the condition that your organization not engage in political activity or other activity inconsistent with tax-exempt status.

We shall look forward to receiving your revised proposal and to a mutually sustaining relationship in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mrs. Aline N. Spearman

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Fred Rauth
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Fred Rauth:

It was surely good to be able to see you though very briefly, at Fisk. I have been quite anxious to learn what appropriation was made to South Carolina, and expect to hear something soon from Mrs. Spearman. Frankly, I was disappointed with the proposed budgets submitted to SRC. Not just the amount requested, but the way it would be allocated. However, I think that is something we can work out once we know what we can expect from SRC.

At Fisk, one of the speakers spoke about a number of registered voters, Negro, from different counties throughout the South, and said the list was available from your office. I certainly would like to have a copy of those in South Carolina.

Earlier this year your office photostated a letter, and I believe, extended an invitation for doing it again. I am enclosing a letter from the Quakers who used Penn, and would like twenty-five copies. I am enclosing one dollar, and would appreciate a receipt. If this is not sufficient, or it is inconvenient to do the reproducing, please let me know. However, we do find it most helpful in contacting other groups, who are somewhat reluctant about using Penn, to give them a letter from other "respectable" groups which havealready used Penn.

Mailed 7/30/57

$1.00 ck RHA 7/26/57

Sincerely,

Courtney Siceloff

CS:rfp

Have just received notice about $000 available from SRC; our board will have to get together to work out another budget.

Enclosure

S.C.H.R.

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Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold Fleming:

This is in partial, reply to your letter of July 22, in which you informed me that the South Carolina Council would receive $5000.00. I realize that the conditions on which we were to make a proposal to you, would determine whether or not we would get the full amount.

On Sunday, August 4, the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Council met to discuss the proposition. I am not writing you in detail of our decision, for undoubtedly, Mrs. Spearman will be contacting you. Several alternate proposals were suggested, with the request that Mrs. Spearman bring back to the Executive Committee, names of people who we might consider in working with her. The decision was made that we should have a White Executive Secretary, and the committee was unanimous in offering this position to Mrs. Spearman.

Of course, we would have liked to have announced a final decision on our part, yet we could not at that time, know if a person with the qualifications we want, would be available. I feel sure that within two weeks we will have arrived at a decision on a definite person, so that our proposal to you will be more concrete.

We surely hope that you had a restful and interesting vacation. The last week, we've had unseasonably cool weather which has relieved us considerably.

Best wishes,

Courtney Siceloff

appointe now!!

CS:rfp

CC: Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

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COURTNEY SICELOFF
Director

August 15, 1957

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul Anthony:

Thank you very much for sending the five budgets from other state organizations. This was a great deal of help to us when we were discussing our budget on August 4.

We will be meeting quite soon, and will have a budget to present again to SRC for approval.

Sincerely,

Courtney Siceloff

CS:rfp

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January 25, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

It was surely good seeing you in Atlanta at the time of the Inter-Agency meeting. You will recall that we discussed a proposed visit to South Carolina - which you seem to have been avoiding, as if we had leprosy! This is to confirm our conversation and invitation to attend our Board Meeting of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, on Sunday, March 6, at 2 P.M. Our meetings are usually held in the Methodist Building, 1420 Lady Street, Columbia, S.C., but Alice Spearman will confirm both the time and location of the meeting.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

cs/es

cc: Mrs. Alice Spearman

February 26, 1960

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
AFL - CIO Regional Director
216 Platiron Building
705 Broadway, NE
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

I wrote you of the interest of the UAW and IEU in the proposal to determine what could be accomplished in non-urban areas toward progress in desegregation. Although both the unions and the New World Foundation have indicated interest in the project, we are awaiting their final decision before sending out invitations. However, we indicated to Paul Sifton that we would have you look over the list of those invited, since Mr. Sifton had a concern that no participant be connected with a subversive organization.

A tentative list of consultants is attached. Obviously, not all will be able to accept.

I believe Mr. Sifton had some question about Dean Gomillion. This week, when we were drawing up final plans for the study with Harold Fleming, Paul Rilling, and Ben Segal (who happened to be in the SRC office at the time), we discussed Dean Gomillion. While I believe he is on the Southern Conference Education Fund, it was felt that he certainly is not a Communist, and would be a valuable addition to this Committee.

We would appreciate very much having your reaction to this group, and of course would like to proceed with the invitations as soon as we have final confirmation of the grants.

With bestregards,

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

cs/es
cc: Paul Rilling
Marion A. Wright

TENTATIVE LIST OF CONSULTANTS FOR RURAL STUDY

Dean C. G. Gomillion, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Phil Hammer, Atlanta Economist

Dr. Louis Killian, Sociologist, Florida State University

Dr. Ira DeA. Reid, Sociologist, Haverford College, Pennsylvania (formerly of Atlanta University)

Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Atlanta, Southeast Regional Secretary, NAACP

Rev. Will Campbell, Southern Race Relations Program, National Council of Churches

Eugene Cox, Rural Life Specialist, National Countil of Churches

Miss Jean Fairfax, Southern Program Representative, American Friends Service Committee

Harold Fleming and Paul Rilling, Southern Regional Council, Atlanta

John Wrighten, Negro Lawyer, Charleston, S. C.

Miss Estellene Walker, Executive Secretary, S. C. State Library Board

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Rev. Charles Jones, Minister of Community Church, Chapel Hill, N.C.

William E. Solomon, Executive Secretary, Palmetto Education Association (Negro Teachers of South Carolina)

Dr. Currie McArthur, Sumter (S.C.) School Superintendent

James Dabbs, President, Southern Regional Council

February 25, 1960

Mr. Vernon Eagle
New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Vernon Eagle:

This week Paul Rilling, Harold Fleming and I worked out the enclosed tentative agenda for the proposed study of rural South Carolina. Paul Rilling, who has had much experience, has agreed to assume leadership of the group of consultants.

We have expanded the group of consultants to include a number from South Carolina. These include: executive secretary of the State Library Board; Negro lawyer; a school superintendent; executive for the Negro teachers' association; a county agent; and James Dabbs. This group should greatly strengthen the consultant committee.

We of course will have to give a choice of dates to the consultants for their first meeting. We agreed on two alternative dates: April 22-24, and May 6-8. Since this is a very short time in relation to the busy schedules of the persons involved, it would be helpful to have confirmation of the grant of $3,000 from the New World Foundation at the earliest possible moment. Upon receipt of such confirmation, we could then proceed at once to issue invitations to the consultants.

A number of resource materials have been collected and will be made available to each consultant prior to the session at Penn. Maps and graphs will be displayed when the group assembles.

By a fortunate coincidence, Ben Segal, educational director

of the IUE, was in the office of the Southern Regional Council, and sat in on the planning sessions for agenda and personnel of this study.

Let us know if you need any further information from us.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

cs/es

cc: Paul Rilling
Harold Fleming
Marion A. Wright

Will see you on the 6th

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED
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FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

February 26, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I certainly appreciate your help in working out the plans for the study this week, and particularly your accepting leadership of the group. Incidentally, I would appreciate having a brief biographical note on you, so that when I send out invitations I can indicate your vast experience as head of discussion groups. Please don't be modest when making this out.

The term "rural" is customarily defined by the Census Bureau as villages of 2,500 or less. In driving back from Atlanta through a good part of South Carolina, particularly these small hamlets, I realized what a very limiting factor we would be getting involved in, if we planned our work with rural areas and hamlets of 2500 or less. I believe our main idea in this proposal was the thought that so much attention had been given to the urban areas, that something likewise needs to be done in non-urban areas. Therefore, I would like to get your reaction as to setting our own definition for "non-urban" (probably using this term rather than rural).

Perhaps we could use the figures of towns under 10,000. I believe it would be in these smaller towns that we could expect to see more results and, of course, be concerned as well with what is being done and needs to be done in rural areas.

I hope when you have had time to recover from your Florida trip that you will be able to consider again the agenda, and suggest any further revisions you think necessary. I hope that we can get an answer soon from the Foundations, and then send out invitations to the participants.

I learned from Alice Spearman on last Wednesday that invitations

had been sent out to a much larger group than the Board, with the expectation that you would be outlining what has been done in Virginia and the possibilities of South Carolina from your vantage point as director of field activities. While I feel it would have been better to have had the Board meeting, invitations had already gone out. We will be glad to hear from you. Perhaps Alice will be writing you concerning what she expects at that time.

Incidentally, I overheard Mr. Solomon saying that the Greenville Council would like for you to meet with it, either as a Council, or with the officers. However, Alice Spearman felt your visit to Clarendon County would be much more informative. If you are interested in getting an idea of what Council work is doing, perhaps it would be well to include the Greenville trip.

I will look forward to seeing you on March 6 in Columbia.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

cs/es

cc: Harold Fleming
Marion A. Wright

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WORKING GROUP ON STATUS OF RURAL SOUTH CAROLINA AND SUGGESTIONS FOR REALIZING ITS POTENTIALITIES

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SATURDAY: (Sessions 9:00 - 12:00; 1:30 - 4:30; 8:00 - 10:00; Sunday 9:00 - 12:00)

I. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF RURAL LIFE IN S. C.

For Whites

For Negroes

WHAT ARE THE MAJOR ~~MANIFESTATIONS OF IT~~ Problems

Legislative ~~power~~ domination by rural counties

educational and cultural levels

~~personal freedom of thought and action~~

services--public and private--available or denied to Whites, to Negroes

economic opportunities and limitations

migration to city and out-of-state

WHAT ARE DETERRENTS TO CHANGE

Political and economic leadership

Lack of trained Negro leaders

Conformity to status quo

II. WHAT ACTION CAN BE UNDERTAKEN TO WORKING OUT SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS

1. How to raise economic, educational, health opportunities of Negroes

2. How stimulate leadership and participation by Negroes on community affairs

3. How involve white persons in program and meeting the emerging realities of 20th century

III. WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO WORKING OUT SOLUTION AND HOW UTILIZE THEM

Indigenous

Negro

White

Outside

IV. WHAT PRIORITIES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED
Differences in communities in state should be taken into account

V. SPECIFIC NEXT STEPS

Who will do what and when, in terms of priorities established

Distribution of findings

March 16, 1960

Mr. Vernon Eagle, Executive Director
The New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Eagle:

Your letter of March 14 confirming the grant of $3,000 from New World Foundation brings good tidings indeed.

Just after talking with you on Monday evening, I telephoned our chairman, Marion Wright, to convey the good news and check with him on next steps. He suggested that I immediately get in touch with our union contacts in Washington, in an effort to get final confirmation from them, so that we could proceed with issuing invitations to consultants. I have just now been successful in reaching Paul Sifton, National Legislative Representative of the UAW. He assured me that he, in turn, would immediately get in touch with Victor Reuther concerning the grant from the UAW and the Industrial Union Department, and that he expected to have some word quite soon.

Meanwhile, we are rushing to complete preparation of background materials, in order to be in position to move quickly with organizing the meeting of consultants. We shall be in close touch with you.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

cs/es

bc: Paul Rilling
Cornelius A. Wood, Jr.
Marion A. Wright

Is the agenda OK as stands to be sent out as is?

March 18, 1960

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Center
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I am enclosing another draft of our proposed discussion outline. I think this one is somewhat more simplified and better organized. Perhaps it is too simple. I agree with you that "rural" could be easily defined for our purposes in terms of under 10,000.

It was good to see you recently in Columbia. I had a good session with Alice the next day.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

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How can better human relations and more equal opportunity for all citizens be achieved in the rural areas of South Carolina ?

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April 6, 1960

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Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue., NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Recent events indicate that many Southern Negroes are no longer willing to accept inequalities in such areas as lunchroom and library facilities. The strength of the widespread demonstrations has surprised many of the "experts" on human relations. It is with this sense of the critical temper of opinion in the South that Penn asks you to be a member of a "consultation" designed to find ways to bring about better human relations and more equal opportunities. The study will be concerned with small-town and rural areas of South Carolina, but it is clear that its findings will be valuable throughout the Southern States.

We are not interested in an academic kind of seminar but one that will provide guide-posts for immediate action to those individuals and agencies active in human relations. The results of the consultation will be published and given the widest possible publicity. We feel that through this study you will be making a significant contribution to better understanding between the races in the South.

Those who participate will receive an honorarium of forty dollars plus travel expenses to and from Penn Center. You would, of course, be given hospitality at Penn during the consultation.

Within a short time of your acceptance we will send you additional information and some pages of statistics which relate particularly to South Carolina.

We trust that you share something of our own sense of urgency in view of the gathering speed of racial change.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

P. S. Please call Penn at JAckson 4-4337 (Beaufort, S. C.) if you have any questions.

Sure hope this does it. Will let you know as the responses come in.

Enclosures: working agenda
information sheet
Penn folders
acceptance form
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A CONSULATION AT PENN TO STUDY WAYS TO BETTER HUMAN RELATIONS AND MORE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN SMALL-TOWN AND RURAL AREAS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Purpose: The Penn consultation is an inquiry by top specialists in the inequalities in rural areas of the South, and it is also a search for the most effective ways to use existing resources to bring about an improvement in both opportunities and understanding. It will search out the tactics to be employed in overcoming resistance to change and suggest priorities of effort. Methods and techniques will be suggested which can be used by agencies working in human relations, extension service, the church and press.

Background: There is no doubt that events are accelerating in the South since the Supreme Court decision in 1954 set the stage for a "break-through" in the field of human relations. Most of the efforts of agencies in the South have been directed largely to implementing the decision on integration in the schools and public facilities. Desegregation has taken place largely in the border states and in urban areas. Integration can proceed only so far, however, until less urban areas are affected.

The small-town (under 10,000 population) and rural areas have necessarily been neglected. Here there exist the greatest gaps between Negro and white citizens in the enjoyment of the rights of citizenship. Perhaps more crucial than school desegregation in these communities is the obtaining of basic civil rights. Possibly opposition may not be so unyielding in such areas as medical and hospital services, private and public employment, libraries and voter registration. South Carolina is typical of the "hard-core" states of the South which are still largely rural and small-town areas with a relatively high Negro population. These states face common problems which may have common solutions. A study of South Carolina will be a valuable contribution to understanding the whole region of the South.

Method to be used in the Consultation: A "working" agenda is included with this letter, subject to change at the first meeting of the participants. Penn is bringing together on its campus a small group of top specialists in the field of human relations who combine professional skill with practical experience in the rural South. The consultants will be working together in an intensive study of the problems involved in human relations in the South. Mr. Paul Rilling, Director of Field activities of the Southern Regional Council, will act as moderator for the meetings. He has served as State Coordinator of Adult Education for the Foundation for Continuing Adult Education and as a leader of Great Books discussion groups.

The consulting group will define the inequalities in various areas such as employment, registration for voting, public facilities, housing, and explore the present resources that are available to bring about a change in these inequalities. A program will be set up and tactics outlined which will establish those areas which would seem to yield the most profitable results.

Penn's Role. Penn Community Services, Inc., has been active for nearly a century in the field of Negro education. More recently it has initiated an educational program in human relations and civil rights. Its secluded campus permits concentration with little outside interference, and Penn has undertaken to collect a working library of materials for the seminar. More important, Penn itself is one agency that is prepared to hold future study sessions in connection with specific recommendations of the survey.

Publication of Results: The conclusions reached by the consultation will be published and made available to as wide an audience as possible. The study will be useful as a guide for many organizations in planning their programs in bettering human relations. Agencies active in this field will be stimulated to re-evaluate their program in the light of the findings published. New action policies will develop out of the study which can have a significant effect in these critical times. Here will be a guide also for the best possible use of the resources of individuals and foundations.

Courtney Siceloff, Director

CONSULTANTS INVITED TO THE RURAL STUDY

Rev. Will Campbell, Southern Race Relations Program, National Council of Churches
Lee Coleman, Chairman of the Sociology Department, University of Kentucky
Eugene Cox, Rural Life Specialist, National Council of Churches
James Dabbs, President, Southern Regional Council
Miss Jean Fairfax, Southern Program Representative, American Friends Service Committee
Harold Fleming, Southern Regional Council, Atlanta
Dean C. G. Gomilion, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
Phil Hammer, Atlanta Economist
Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Southeast Regional Secretary, NAACP, Atlanta
Dr. Louis Killian, Socioligest, Florida State University
Rev. Charles Jones, Minister of Community Church, Chapel Hill, N. C.
Dr. Ira DeA. Reid, Sociologist, Haverford College, Pennsylvania (formerly of Atlanta University)
Paul Rilling, Southern Regional Council, field director
William E. Solomon, Executive Director, Palmetto Education Association (Negro Teachers of South Carolina)
Marion A. Wright, Chairman, Penn Board of Trustees

TO: Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island, Frogmore, South Carolina

I accept your invitation to take part in the consultation at Penn on the small-town and rural areas of South Carolina and what can be done to improve human relations and to provide more equal opportunities.

The following dates are most acceptable to me, in the order of preference. I have marked those dates on which it would be impossible to attend.

Signed _____

Tentative dates for the consultation:

May 13-14 _____ May 20-21 _____ May 27-28 _____

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA FOR USE BY PENN

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

_____

Brief Biographical Notes

(Please indicate any writing or activity which relates to the Penn Study)

—About 30 children of working parents are cared for from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and provided with a hot meal. While parents bear most of the cost, the center underwrites a third of the budget.

—Prenatal and child health clinics are held regularly, in addition to regular classes and refresher courses for midwives. Personnel are provided by the Beaufort County Public Health Service, the building by Penn.

—Penn co-operates with the county in maintaining the island's only library, which circulates more than 1,000 books monthly. A fund has been started to purchase a bookmobile and hire a full-time librarian.

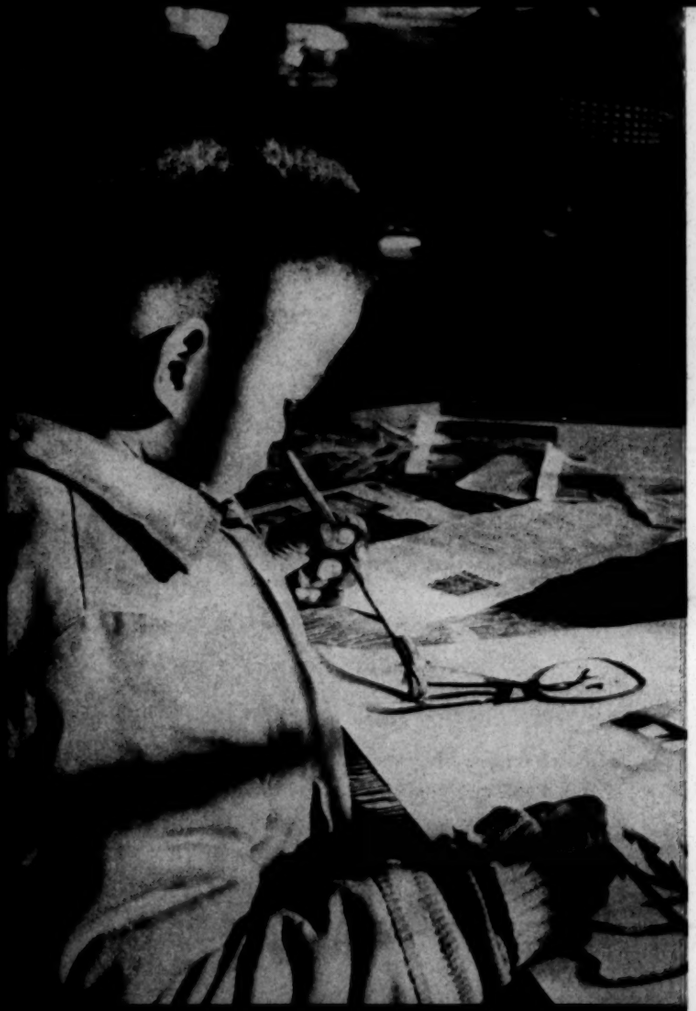
—The island's tomato farmers meet regularly at Penn to study improved farming and marketing methods. Their packing house, set up in a former Penn School building, helps them compete with big sellers.

—Both teen-age girls and older women meet at Penn with the County Home Demonstration Agent and acquire skills in dressmaking, cooking and other types of housework.

—Clothing donated to the center is sold by Penn Community volunteers at minimum cost to low-income families. Proceeds go to help other aspects of the program.

In the period of transition which the South is undergoing, Penn performs one of its most important services in furnishing a cheerful center for meetings of groups of both races. A few of those which have met there recently are:

Students, teachers, midwives and Girl Scouts are among those which have used the center. They number more than 500, and their stays at the center have ranged from two days to two weeks. They have come from most of the Southern states, and from as far away as New England and the West Indies.



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PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES

St. Helena Island

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Penn Community Services seeks to meet human needs in two ways. First, it maintains a community center for the people of St. Helena and its neighboring sea islands. Secondly, it offers a friendly conference center where groups from all parts of a troubled South can meet freely together.

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

St. Helena Island Frogmore, South Carolina

April 25, 1960

Dear Friend:

We are glad that you will be attending the consultation on small-town and rural South Carolina at Penn Center. We hope that you can arrive in time for dinner on Friday, May 13, at six o'clock. It is expected that the meeting will end with the noon meal on Sunday, May 15, which is set for 12:30.

Penn Center is located on St. Helena Island at Frogmore. For those coming by car, continue on route 21 through Beaufort seven miles to Frogmore, where you will turn right and proceed one-half mile to Penn Center. Reimbursement for automobile travel will be at the rate of eight cents a mile.

The city of Charleston is 70 miles north of Beaufort, and it is served by three major airlines. Savannah, Georgia, is forty miles south of Beaufort, and is also a major airport. Penn will arrange to meet you at either air terminal.

Atlantic Coast Line rail service is available to Yemassee, South Carolina, thirty miles from Frogmore. Penn will be glad to meet you at the railroad station in Yemassee.

We will appreciate your returning the enclosed form as soon as possible. You will note that a space is indicated if you wish to receive an advance payment on your fare.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

cs/es

enclosure

CONSULTATION

ON SMALL-TOWN AND RURAL SOUTH CAROLINA

Penn Community Services
Frogmore, South Carolina
May 13 - 15, 1960

I plan to arrive at Penn via car at _____ A.M. / P.M. on May _____.

I plan to arrive by train at _____ station on

May _____ at _____, and wish to be met there.

I plan to arrive by plane at _____ air terminal on

May _____ at _____, and wish to be met there.

Flight number is _____.

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I plan to leave Penn by car at _____ on May _____.

Train leaving from _____ on May _____ at _____.

Plane leaving from _____ on May _____ at _____.

Flight number _____.

Please send me $_____ as advance payment on fare.

Signed _____

Address _____

_____

Telephone _____

May 9, 1960

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Center
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Help, please! Paul Rilling wants meeting again, this time 'tis Thursday afternoon and he will be arriving in Savannah via Delta Flight #447 at 6:22 p. m.

Harold will rent a car when he comes, so they can at least leave under their own steam.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller

MEMORANDUM

June 7, 1960

To the Members of the Program Advisory Committee
Penn Community Services, Incorporated
Frogmore, South Carolina

I regret that only Mrs. Bailey and Dr. Reuben were able to attend our recent annual board meeting, at which time we had hoped for the Advisory Board to have its own session.

We had in mind seeking your advice upon certain questions of policy which might be helpful in planning future activities. In the absence of a meeting, I am putting these questions separately before you in the earnest hope that you may give them your consideration and inform me of your conclusions.

I am sure that your full responses would have value for the board.

With thanks and kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Marion A. Wright
per
R. F. P.

Marion A. Wright
Chairman

MAW:rfp

QUESTIONS FOR ADVISORY BOARD

1. Assuming funds and competent guidance furnished by Penn, could qualified South Carolinians be secured to study and report on:

Financial and other costs to the state of maintaining segregation in such areas as:

a. Public libraries
b. Hospitals
c. Transportation
d. Parks and playgrounds
e. Employment
f. Housing?

2. Can you suggest possible committee of nine white and Negro doctors to study segregation results in hospitals and in exclusion of Negroes from professional societies?

3. Can you do the same as to library services?

4. In your opinion, what are the areas in which white South Carolinians would most readily give up segregation?

5. List groups -- white, Negro or integrated -- which might use Penn's facilities, giving key persons to contact?

July 7, 1960

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Center
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

This will officially notify you that I am again here. I wish it were not so. But it is.

Let me know if there is anything I should be doing in preparation for the August meeting, like a revision of my Athenian report or some such. I trust the South Carolina meeting is coming off as scheduled.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED
ST. HELENA ISLAND
FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

July 8, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

It occurs to me that we haven't even congratulated you on the good job you did on the Preliminary Report. Our trustee Edward Jenks of the N. Y. Times, who always tears anything we write to shreds, wrote that he thought you did a wonderful job of pulling together the main ideas. (He had seen the first Notes of the meeting, and had said that he didn't envy you the job of putting together such diverse discussion.)

I am not sure either if we have told you about plans for the meeting of South Carolina people who are to review the Preliminary Report. The meeting is set for July 22 and 23, beginning with the evening meal on Friday, the 22nd, and concluding with the evening meal on Saturday, the 23rd. We thought that a Sunday session would not be necessary, but will leave it up to the group to make a final decision.

Now that we have sprung this on you, I am wondering if you would like to come and chair this meeting? It seems to me that it might provide a sort of continuity between the two meetings of the rural consultants, and this meeting of South Carolinians. The roster is not complete, and we have had a great many refusals, but it looks as if we might have between ten and fifteen people. Alice Spearman is planning to come, and possibly James Dabbs.

We have just put together a rough and tentative agenda for the South Carolina group, and a copy is enclosed. If you have time to look this over, I would like to call you on Monday to discuss it with you. We hope to send out the agenda to those who will take part, in advance of the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

cs/es

via air mail

July 18, 1960

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

My plans call for me to arrive in Savannah via Delta Flight #485 at 2:20 p.m., Friday. Please advise whether it would be easier on you for me to secure a U-Drive-It or whether you would prefer to meet me. It's your money either way.

I will be returning from Savannah on Delta Flight #448 at 9:20 a.m., Sunday.

I am looking forward to a pleasant, and I trust, not too rugged weekend.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/mf

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PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED
ST. HELENA ISLAND
FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

August 4, 1960

Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Alice Spearman has just made a good suggestion for a person to be added to the group of rural consultants. This is Dr. Allen D. Edwards, head of the sociology department at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C. He recently contributed a chapter on "Ecological Types of Rural Communities" to a book called Community Structure and Analysis. He is a member of the S. C. Council on Human Relations.

We have just written to Dr. Edwards to invite him to the August 19-21 meeting. I hope he will accept.

You may remember that it was noted at the May meeting that we needed someone who could give special insights on the economic situation of South Carolina. The name of Dr. Samuel Derrick of the University of South Carolina was suggested. I wrote to Dr. Derrick on June 10 to invite him to take part in the study, but he declined. You were across the seas at the time, and I don't think we told you about this.

We are working on a report of the meeting of South Carolinians, and hope that you will have a copy soon. We plan to send a copy to the rural consultants, with a reminder about the August 19-21 meeting and a request for travel plans.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

cc: Alice Spearman

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

ST. HELENA ISLAND

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

August 26, 1960

Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Here is something to spoil your day, or week. I have done this hurriedly (as will be evident) so if there are some griendly scropes, don't be surprised.

Courtney is working in the nursery school with the work campers, so cannot be reached for comment, fortunately. They got so energetic that they have practically torn the nursery school apart for repairs, and they haven't got it back together again. The children are to come on Monday, so all hands are at work (except mine), trying to get the building habitable again. They are using a soft color called "doeskin" which should be soothing to the children. In fact, I may move over there myself, to get away from that awful word "implementation", which haunts me.

We appreciate your coming last weekend, and hope you have recovered sufficiently to face the enclosed document.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth

(Mrs. Courtney Siceloff)

P.S. I am enclosing a copy of the agenda and of the two "green sheets" which were drawn up during the meetings. Let me know if you need anything else.

September 1, 1960

Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I'm sorry to report that I will not be able to come to the September 20-21 Interagency Conference. We have a meeting of the S. C. Advisory Committee on Civil Rights in Columbia on the 21st, and I must be there.

At the last two meetings there has been some report on the study of human relations in South Carolina. As you are well aware, this has been in progress during the spring and summer and Paul Rilling, who is chairman of the consultants' group, is struggling with the Final Report. If you care to have a report on this at the Interagency meeting, Paul would be well qualified to do this.

We hope that the meeting willcome up to its usual high standards. Maybe the jokes will improve a little this time; we hope so!

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

cs/es

You lucky boy!

cc: Paul Rilling

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

ST. HELENA ISLAND

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

September 9, 1960

Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I appreciate your taking time out yesterday to call me, and am sorry I was so elusive on Saturday.

To confirm our various conversations, these are my suggestions for the members who should be sent copies of the Final Report for their reactions:

Dabbs, Fleming, Gomillion, Fairfax,
Coleman, Siceloff

The addresses of these persons are listed at the end of the May Preliminary Report, with the full List of Consultants.

Sorry you have been so pressed on all sides, I hope things will be quieter for a while, for your sake. Call me if any questions come up, or if there is anything I can do -- aside from writing the report!

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

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NEWS...
from PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES

Frogmore, South Carolina
September 9, 1960

To: Board of Trustees
Program Advisory Committee

RE: October 7-8 Meetings

Dear Friends:

On August 31 we wrote about the plans for meetings on October 7 and 8, 1960. Secretary Wood has asked that we issue formal notice of these meetings, since he is away from his office at this time.

The August 31 memorandum outlined the schedule of the various meetings: Friday morning, October 7, the Program Advisory Committee will meet, at 10:00 A.M. The Executive and Finance Committees will meet at 2:00 P.M. on Friday afternoon, to be continued after dinner if necessary. The Board of Trustees will convene at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 8, and will meet throughout the day, with a luncheon break at 1:00 P.M. The expected adjournment hour is 4:30 P.M.

As always, trustees and program advisors are invited to bring along their wives or other members of their families.

We are enclosing a reply form which you may use to let us know your travel plans. We will be glad to meet you at bus, train, or airport. (Cornelius Wood sent out complete transportation information with his March announcement of the spring meeting. Let us know if you need any further information.) At the time of the meeting, travel expense forms will be provided for reimbursement of travel expenses, as authorized by the Board.

As outlined in our earlier letter, the purpose of the October meetings is to review the findings of the rural consultants and to chart Penn's role in the community and the region. The Chairman and Secretary join me in urging you to attend these important meetings.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

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PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Frogmore, South Carolina

REPLY FORM

(Please return to Courtney Siceloff at Frogmore, using the enclosed envelope.)

Penn Trustees and Program Advisory Committee

October 7 - 8, 1960

Expected time of arrival at Penn: _____
Day and approximate hour

Number in party: _____

I will need to be met: (time) _____

(place) _____

Expected time of departure: _____

Transportation needed for departure? _____

I will be unable to attend _____

(Signed) _____

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED
ST. HELENA ISLAND
FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

September 21, 1960

Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Courtney had to be away today, for a civil rights meeting in Columbia, and he asked me to send you the enclosed document, which may look familiar. We both thought you did a wonderful job on the Final Report, amid all the distractions of moving and traveling, and with other problems which I gleaned from Harold and from your secretary.

I hope you won't be too appalled when you see the five pages of notes and comments which I am also enclosing. Most of them are merely suggestive. I would particularly like to apologize for notes 1 and 2. They are pretty vague, and I found out at the last minute, after typing this, that Courtney had intended that I should try developing these thoughts into some sentences. I can't do that, and produce anything as good as you have written, so I am just sending them along for your consideration.

Courtney asked me to tell you that we could do the mimeographing of the Final Report here. Or, do you think it would be possible to work out an arrangement for SRC to do this, and that it be paid for out of the Rural Study budget? We were thinking in terms of about 300 copies for our use (including sending to consultants and later to interested agencies, etc.) and it may be that SRC would like to have copies also.

Another question that Courtney asked me to raise with you concerned the Interagency Conference. Do you know if any report was given at this week's meeting, on the Rural Study? Do you think copies should be mailed to the Interagency list of the Final Report, or that it would be better to distribute them at the next meeting.

I don't like to feel that we are dumping all this on you, and I hope you will call on us, for whatever help we can give.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth

(Mrs. Courtney Siceloff)

(Say the word and I'll come flying down, complete with gnerdly scrapes!)
Greetings & Sarah Miller.

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED
ST. HELENA ISLAND
FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

September 30, 1960

Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

The reports reached us safely today, and we are just about to take them to the Frogmore post office. We are sending them today to the Penn Board of Trustees and the Program Advisory Committee and to the regional consultants. Next week, when we have more copies, we will send them to the South Carolina people. We promise didn't send you + Harold Daw; if you overlooked keeping extra copies, let us know. The report looks good and is good. Please express our appreciation to everyone at SRC who labored over it. Someday, when we have all recovered from this, we will co-author with you a "perils of Pauline" about this report. For example, we thought we had arranged for the copies you sent last night to be brought by bus to Beaufort from the Savannah airport. Not so. While I was in Beaufort to pick them up this morning, the air express representative telephoned from the Savannah air port to say that he had this package for a man whose name he could not pronounce, and what should he do with it. We then had to start again on the bus plan, and we were successful in getting the package put on the next bus from Savannah to Beaufort.

Enclosed are the various pieces of propaganda that would have accompanied your copy of the report, if we dared to send you one. Our Board secretary, the Rev. Cornelius Wood, is most anxious that we "alert" you that the Board would like to have you sit in on its meeting and take part in the discussion of this report, and in presenting the reactions of the Program Advisory Committee. Have we alerted you sufficiently?

Thanks again.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

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NEWS...
from PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES

Frogmore, South Carolina
September 30, 1960

To: Participants in Consultations
Study on Human Relations Programming in S. C.

From: Courtney Siceloff, Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.

Re: Final Report

Enclosed is the final report of the study on human relations programming in South Carolina.

As directed at the August 19-21 consultation, Paul Rilling prepared a preliminary draft and circulated it among seven other consultants. On the basis of their comments and suggestions, the final report was drawn up.

The Board of Trustees of Penn Community Services has been called to special meetings on October 7 and 8, to review this report and consider plans for implementation.

I would like to express my appreciation, and that of the Penn Board, for your participation in this project. We will keep you informed about future developments. In the meantime, please write us if you have other program suggestions (or other after-thoughts), and do not fail to visit us when you are nearby.

Special thanks are due Paul Rilling for his able chairing of the meetings and for a discerning report.

P.S. to Paul Rilling: We found that our first draft of this letter had the name of Paul Rilling in it three times. We curbed our enthusiasm somewhat and eliminated one of the flowery sentences.

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October 3, 1960

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Center
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I will be coming to Frogmore from New Orleans on a fairly tight schedule. It will be awfully hard for me to arrive at the Savannah airport until 9:10 a.m. Friday. The alternative would be to get into Charleston some time in the middle of the night, which I would rather avoid. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will come on the 9:10 flight. If I am not met, I will rent a car. I will be leaving from Savannah at 3:45 p.m. Saturday, again, unless you object. I realize that this will involve missing a little of the board meeting Saturday afternoon, but I am anxious to get back to Atlanta since I will have been on the road since Tuesday.

A report of the Consultation was given at the recent Inter-agency meeting by me. It was fairly general in tone and I do think that ultimately members of that group should receive the report.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED
ST. HELENA ISLAND
FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

October 5, 1960

Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
Room 201, 5 Forsyth Street NW
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Your memorandum of September 30 about the allocation of $1,400 to the South Carolina Council gave me that warm feeling that the mention of such sums always does.

Seriously, this is very welcome and appreciated. Right now we are in a period of greatly increased activity from the state office. Having a little more financial security should help us do an even more effective job.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

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cc: Mrs. Alice N. Spearman

Report of Director

to

Board of Trustees

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

October 8, 1960

The central purpose of the meeting of the Board of Trustees at this time is to discuss the implications of the report, "Human Relations Programming in South Carolina." The organization of the three consultations in May, July, and August, the preparation of materials for the study, and the distribution of the report has constituted our major effort since the last Board meeting.

In connection with the South Carolina study, special thanks are due Paul Rilling for his able chairing of the meetings and for preparation of the preliminary and final reports.

We have now reached the important next step of review of the consultants' report by the Board of Trustees and a consideration of plans for implementation. Along with this, of course, will be a survey of resources for financing any new projects which might be undertaken.

Some of the suggestions involve activities which are already under way, or can be carried out with our present staff. Norman and Elsie Richards have already been active through the summer in getting literacy classes under way, and are planning for a new series to begin in December. The community activities committee has begun discussions about the high incidence of round worms as a health problem in Beaufort County, and a meeting is scheduled with representatives of the County Health Department and the agricultural extension services to talk about ways of working together on this.

Robert and Ann Stowell, who worked with us last winter, have just returned to the campus for a longer period this year. Bob will be chiefly concerned with program activities.

Other Program Activities

Norman Richards held a daily swimming class for about 25 boys. The response indicated both a need for and interest in this activity. The library has continued to increase its circulation and effectiveness. In April, 1960, the total circulation was 1305, while in September it was 1,920 books -- an increase of nearly 50 per cent.

The nursery school began its fall term on August 29, in a building freshly decorated by summer work campers and parents of the children. In line with the trustees' decision last April, more support of the nursery school now comes from the parents and the community at large. Fees have been increased somewhat, and there has been a fine spirit of cooperation by the parents in work sessions for completing the renovations.

The homemaking class has just resumed its meetings, under the able leadership of Mrs. B. H.Washington, the new home demonstration agent. Mrs. Washington is known to many trustees as the former Miss Mabel Price. After serving on the staff of Penn School, for a number of years she was assistant state director of Negro Home Demonstration work. She brings to this community a wealth of experience and background, and has generously offered her assistance in the proposed Beaufort County pilot project. (Mrs. Washington served as one of the "key South Carolinians" who gave suggestions to the rural consultants.)

Staff Trips

Norman and Elsie Richards, with young Paul, made a trip to Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, N. C., where the literacy program in the Southeast is centered.

Robert Stowell was a delegate to the UNESCO World Conference on Adult Education, held in Montreal August 27-31.

Conferences

In the last twelve months we have had our most successful year in the use of the conference facilities. Some 25 conferences have been held. This is compared to a total of 50 conferences from August, 1955, when the facilities were first made available, through September, 1959. This year there have been a number of conferences which we have organized or helped to set up, in addition to providing accommodations. This has been tied in with our increased emphasis on adult education.

This year has also been the most successful for the conference program from a financial aspect. From October 1, 1959, through September 30, 1960, the income from conferences totaled $9,112, while expenses were $7,984. This, of course, does not include depreciation nor staff time, except for those employed for the direct purpose of feeding and housing the participants. The growth of the conference program has called for the use of more staff time in this operation. Much of the burden has been carried by volunteer workers, however. Attached to this report is a list of conferences held during the last year. Five conferences have already been tentatively scheduled for next summer.

Buildings and Grounds

For a number of hours last month, it looked as if we would have another visit from a hurricane -- even before the devastation of Hurricane Gracie had been completely repaired. But we were spared this time, and destructive "Donna" passed us by.

Leroy Browne, our able maintenance superintendent, and his staff have been able to complete the following work in connection with hurricane damage and repairs:

Repair of roofs: Darrah Hall
Lathers Building
Pine Cottage
Nursery School
Cope Building
Benezet House

The major projects yet to be completed are:

Cafeteria roof
Lathers Building porch
Plastering sections of Cope and Lathers Buildings
Rebuilding Cope Building doors
Repair railing of Butler outside stairway
Enclosing the presently open foundation of Arnett

Other recent maintenance jobs have been the painting of the Kings' house (Pine Cottage) and extensive repairing of window and door screens.

Norman Richards has continued the planting of shrubs, trees and flowers on the campus and has cared for those already established. Conferees and visitors alike enjoyed his colorful flower plots during the summer. Also Norman has supervised the cutting of $1,400 worth of pulpwood and timber since last April.

Volunteer Help

Since the last Board meeting, Penn has benefited considerably from the volunteer services of a number of persons. Six students from the University of North Carolina and a family from Indianapolis spent their spring vacation at Penn, working on the grounds and electrical system.

Young Friends Work Camp. Seven campers spent the month of August doing a variety of jobs, under the capable and conscientious leadership of Dan and Marcia O'Hagan of Narvon, Pennsylvania. The major project was renovation of the nursery school: re-tiling two-thirds of the floor area, sheet-rocking all rooms, and painting the woodwork. New screens were made for Arnett, mildew removed from four Benezet bedrooms and hall and repainted; and in addition, grass planting and clearing of grounds.

Miss Sally Holden, a teacher from Vermont, spent eight weeks this summer at Penn, handling many jobs. An exceedingly efficient, hard-working, and pleasant person, Sally brought up to date our mailing list card files; established a new file on community contacts; assisted Mrs. Major in the cafeteria, and took care of a variety of often unpleasant tasks in connection with housing the large groups of peopld.

Our niece, Miss Bethe Waller of Charlotte, N. C., was another summer volunteer who helped in numerous ways.

Due to arrive this weekend is Michael Smukler, a student of Antioch College (Yellow Springs, Ohio), who will spend a three-month work period here. Mike will bring a variety of skills, including carpentry, office management, and food service administration.

This week, a student of St. Helena High School started part-time maintenance work under an apprenticeship program.

Publicity

This might be listed under volunteer services as well. John Constable, director of information for the Southern Regional Council and editor of New South, has prepared copy and supervised the layout for a new brochure describing the work of Penn Community Services. This will be available for distribution this fall with a special appeal. We are deeply indebted to John Constable for his assistance.

Personal Note from the Siceloffs

September 15, 1960 marked the tenth anniversary of our coming to St. Helena to take up the work at Penn. We might have overlooked this if it had not been for the thoughtfulness of the Trustees in marking this occasion by the gift of a pair of binoculars and a check. The check was used to purchase a tent and other camping equipment, and we have used this -- along with the binoculars -- for several camping adventures already.

We have learned a great deal in these ten years. Our neighbors here, along with many of you, have been patient teachers. And we can't think of a more exciting way to begin a second decade than this: to be confronted with the challenges of this time and this place, and to know that we are far from alone in this endeavor.

--Courtney Siceloff

CONFERENCES AT PENN CENTER

October 1, 1959 - September 30, 1960

Group	Duration	Number	Geographical Distribution	Composition
Workshop on Merit Employment	3 days	50	Statewide	Negro
Graduate School for Teacher Education	7 days	13	Vermont	White
Directors College YMCA-YWCA	4 days	28	8 states	Biracial
Ministers' Retreat Disciples of Christ	2 days	16	2 states	Biracial
Student Retreat Paine College (Georgia)	3 days	15	Georgia	Negro
Workshop on Registration and Voting--Urban Areas	3 days	72	Statewide	Negro
Consumer Workshop, Charleston Citizens Committee	3 days	37	Coastal Carolina	Negro
Student Religious Association, Cornell University (NY)	8 days	15	New York	White
Workshop on Registration and Voting--Rural Areas	3 days	61	Statewide	Negro
Work camp--University of North Carolina and International Voluntary Service	7 days	10	North Carolina and Indiana	White
Consultation on Program in Mississippi and Louisiana, American Friends Service Committee	2 days	13	7 states	Biracial
Southern Interagency Conference of Human Relations Agencies	2 days	33	9 states	Bi-racial
Student leaders, NAACP	3 days	98	5 states	Negro
Ministers' Retreat, Disciples of Christ	2 days	8	2 states	Negro

Group	Duration	Number	Geographical Distribution	Composition
Consultants, Human Relations Programming in S. C.	3 days	15	7 states	Bi-racial
Midwife Institute #1 S. C. State Board of Health	11 days	72	Statewide	Negro
Midwife Institute #2 S. C. State Board of Health	11 days	80	Statewide	Negro
Retreat-Society of Friends	3 days	26	4 states	Biracial
Westminister Fellowship Junior High Camp	7 days	45	Statewide	Negro
S. C. Leaders--Human Relations Programming in S.C.	3 days	25	Statewide	Biracial
Work Camp Society of Friends	29 days	9	6 states	White
Leadership Conference Palmetto Education Association	3 days	140	Statewide	Negro
Southeastern Bahai Summer School	7 days	96	15 states	Biracial
Consultants, Human Relations Programming in S.C.	3 days	13	7 states	Biracial
Sunday School Convention Old Ashley Baptist Convention	3 days	30	Statewide	Negro

NEWS...
from PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES

Frogmore, S. C.
October 10, 1960

To: Members of Board of Trustees and
Program Advisory Committee

From: Cornelius A. Wood, Jr., Secretary

At its recent meeting, your Board accepted the report of the rural consultants, "Human Relations Programming in South Carolina," as a general basis for forward planning and fund raising.

The Board also set the date for the 1961 Annual Meeting. The full Board will meet at Frogmore on Saturday, April 8, 1961, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning; the Executive and Finance Committees will meet jointly at Frogmore on Friday, April 7, 1961, beginning at 10 o'clock. The Nominating Committee will meet beginning with dinner in the evening at 6:15. Please note these on your calendar.

Enclosed is the current revision of our Directory, as of 1 October 1960. Subsequent to the preparation of the Directory, the Board meeting was held, and at that time the Rev. Mack E. Sharpe of Beaufort, S. C. was elected to fill a vacancy for the term expiring at the Annual Meeting in 1962.

The Board appreciates the work of many in developing the consultants' findings, not the least of which being the splendid compilation by Paul Rilling, and looks forward to our association with the Reverend Mr. Sharpe.

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Frogmore, S. C.

DIRECTORY OF TRUSTEES

and

PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

as of October 1, 1960

A. TRUSTEES

1. Officers, Board Committees, Staff
2. Board of Trustees, Addresses
3. Board of Trustees, by Term Expiration Date

B. PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (term expiring Spring 1961), Addresses

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Frogmore, S. C.

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as of October 1, 1960

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Dr. George H. Aull, Chairman, Property Committee
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Paul W. Brown, Jr., Chairman

William E. Cadbury
Harold Evans
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The Rev. John Hardy
Mrs. Eugene Spearman

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Miss Viola Chaplin
Miss Jennie Dudley
Mrs. Y. W. Bailey
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Mrs. B. H. Washington
Mrs. Edward G. Sanders
Ex Officio: M. A. Wright, Courtney Siceloff, Public Relations Committee Chairman *

*At its 1960 Annual meeting, the Board received the appointment of Edward Jenks as Public Relations Chairman. Owing to a subsequent assignment overseas, Mr. Jenkins is presently unable to act; his replacement remains to be designated.

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Frogmore, S. C.

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as of April 9, 1960

NOTE: Date in parenthesis indicates term expiration.

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PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Frogmore, S. C.

TRUSTEES, By Term Expiration Date

as of 9 April 1960

By-Laws permit: 15 minimum, 24 maximum.
Annually elected 5 minimum, 8 maximum
Term. 3 years.
Vacancies: 2

Name	Term Expires 1961	1962	1963	1964
George H. Aull			X	
Clyde Barrington			X	
B. Tartt Bell			X	
Paul W. Brown, Jr.		X		
William E. Cadbury		X		
Will D. Campbell			X	
William A. Clement		X		
Miss Isabella Curtis	X			
James McBride Dabbs	X			
Harold Evans		X		
Willis Gardner		X		
John W. Hardy	X			
Miss Grace B. House		X		
Edward N. Jenks	X			
Mrs. Donald S. McChesney	X			
Mrs. James L. McConaughy	X			
Robert K. Mooney	X			
Ira De A. Reid		X		
Mrs. Edward G. Sanders			X	
Mrs. Eugene Spearman	X			
Cornelius A. Wood, Jr.			X	
Marion A. Wright			X	

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Frogmore, S. C.

PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (term expiring Spring, 1961)

as of 9 April 1960

NOTE: Elected by Trustees, one year term, maximum number: 15
Vacancy: 1

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PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

ST. HELENA ISLAND

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

October 13, 1960

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I would like to join the chorus of voices thanking you for coming to meet with the Board of Trustees and to discuss the "Rilling report"× with them. You did a good job, and it helped a lot to have you here. Thanks very much.

This is to needle you about SRC sending a bill to cover the mimeographing job. Will you please "set up some machinery" for this? In this connection, is it the usual procedure around the office to save stencils? We were wondering if they were still around, in the event (God forbid) that we should ever have to produce more copies. Perhaps it will be easier to write another report. (Or have Rilling do it.)

When I raised the question about sending the report to the Interagency Conference, and you replied that you thought they should receive copies "ultimately", did you mean that it's okay to send them now?

Sincerely,

Courtney Siceloff

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× It was a 'rilling experience to have you with us.

V. Hughes

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Ans — 10/26/60

October 14, 1960

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Center
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Paul Rilling asked me to let you know that his round-trip fare to Savannah was $42.48. In addition, he had a two dollar parking fee at the airport. We trust you think he was worth it!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timothy Miller
secretary to Paul Rilling

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

St. Helena Island Frogmore, South Carolina

Courtney Siceloff
Director

November 14, 1960

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a check to cover the duplicating of the report on Human Relations Programming in S. C. As per our conversation last week in Atlanta, we are adding $50 to the statement to apply toward staff time. Again our thanks.

We'll have to think of something else to needle you about, now that this is settled.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

Courtney Siceloff

Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

cs/es
enclosure

11/30/60

Dear Paul,

This morning we received telephone confirmation of our request for grant from Field Foundation for support of the pilot project, on a three-year basis. Wanted you to have this good news.

Sincerely,

Courtney Siceloff

PORTRAIT BY WINOLD REISS

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

St. Helena Island

FROGMORE, S. C.

MEMORANDUM

Frogmore, S. C.
November 30, 1960

To: Paul Rilling
Alice Spearman

From: Courtney Siceloff

Dear Paul and Alice:

As you recall, we were appointed by the consultants to follow up the recommendation that Claflin College be encouraged to undertake the two-year research project. This past week I was able to determine that President Manning has returned from Europe and apparently will be in his office most of December.

I would like to suggest that our Committee be enlarged to include Walker Solomon and the Reverend Matthew McCollum. Both were members of the consultant group, and their influence might carry considerable weight in our discussion with President Manning. (I would particularly like your reaction, Alice. I understand Mr. McCollum teaches a course at Claflin. Would the addition of these two men to the committee approaching President Manning be of help?)

As to the interview, it would seem to me that the Committee might well meet in Orangeburg an hour or two before the appointment with President Manning, to work out the details of our approach to him. I believe the hour of this meeting and of the interview would depend on the time of Paul's arrival in Columbia — which I suppose is the closest airport.

I will be free in December every day except the 5th, 10th, and the 13th, and could arrange to meet any day of the week. I suggest that Paul give us three dates that will be convenient to him, and the time of our pre-interview meeting in Orangeburg —that is, the best hour. If Paul could send this information to both Alice and to me, Alice could check her calendar as to the dates and inform me. I hope that we can offer an alternative date to President Manning, in setting up the interview.

in order of preference

As Paul may remember, at the time of the SRC Board meeting I gave him a very rough outline of a suggested budget for this project. Paul was to consult with other SRC staff members about this, as I understood it. It would be helpful to have several copies of a proposed budget circulated prior to our meeting in Orangeburg, as well as the names of possible research persons that we could suggest to President Manning.

I hope to hear from both of you on the various questions raised.

Courtney Siceloff

cs/es

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Thanksgiving 1960

Dear Friend:

These are exciting times here in the South and there is a feeling of change in the air. Here on St. Helena Island the Penn program has been expanded to meet the changing needs of the sea islands and of the wider community of the state and the region. The new brochure which comes with this letter describes our "new role in the South" and explains our need for the support of thoughtful people across the country.

As an outgrowth of Penn's history of concern for the quality of community life in the South, this year we asked the help of a group of specialists in rural life and human relations. Their report, "Human Relations Programming in South Carolina," will serve as a blueprint for our own work and, we hope, for similar efforts throughout the South.

Support is being sought now for launching the suggested county-wide pilot community development project - a sort of "test strip" for the rural South. New fields in adult education are being opened: low-cost housing, voting and citizenship, literacy, farm and forest management. Penn's provision of interracial conference facilities for groups from all over a tense and anxious South is a contribution of growing importance in these times.

Penn Trustee James Dabbs is speaking of Southerners when he says in his book, The Southern Heritage, "We have been too casual, too satisfied; we have been complacent." "But today," he continues, ..."we are moving into a world of widening horizons...a world of great challenges... challenges which demand that we use as never before our simple neighborliness...If we thus perceive them, we shall know that we have come into the kingdom for such a time as this; and we shall begin to move forward with an easy stride...walking as it were between the past and the future, holding the hand of each."

Join us, won't you, in this walk. We need your help.

Sincerely yours,

Marion A. Wright, Chairman

Courtney Siceloff, Director

Contributions to Penn are tax-deductible.

December 7, 1960

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Center
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I am a little confused about the entire matter involving Claflin College. I had thought that when the Penn board took over the administration of this project that our interagency committee was no longer needed. I am of course happy to be involved in any follow-up. Subsequent to the last meeting of the consultants, Alice has suggested to me that she was afraid it might be divisive to base the project on one Negro college campus if we expected the cooperation of several. She felt that to do so might create some jealousy which would inhibit the cooperation of other college groups. Have you considered this particular matter with her?

I have no objection to the enlarged committee. I wonder whether we really need five people to take up the matter with Mr. Manning. If each person has something specific to contribute, however, the cause certainly merits such a sparkling collection of talent.

If we are to meet with Dr. Manning, I certainly agree that we need to confer in advance. I would also hope that Dr. Manning would have read a copy of the report before the appointment and that he would have some general idea as to our mission.

My schedule is in pretty bad shape. In fact, about the only time I could come would be during the week of December 19, preferably on the 19th or 20th. If this is completely impossible, I could get away on Friday, December 16, but this would be difficult and inconvenient.

Congratulations on the good news concerning the support of the pilot project on a three-year basis. This is wonderful.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

Penn Community Serviced
Frogmore, South Carolina

December 3, 1960

To: Members of the Board of Trustees
Program Advisory Committee

Dear Friends:

First we would like to give you the good news that we have received telephone confirmation from the Field Foundation of our request for a grant to support the Beaufort County Pilot Project program over a three-year period. This assurance of support allows us to move quickly into this phase of implementation of the consultants' Report.

For more than a month now we have been busy laying the groundwork for a community self-survey in Beaufort, a first step in the pilot project. An important organizational meeting of Beaufort County citizens, Negro and white, is set for Monday, December 5. To help launch this effort we will have present two "experts" who have had considerable experience in community surveys: Dr. Herman A. Long, Director of the Race Relations Department, Fisk University, and Mr. L. P. Hollis, former Superintendent of Schools in Greenville, South Carolina and chairman of the committee on housing for the Greenville self-survey.

Meanwhile, our life and work on the Island moves at its usual pace. We can report no miracles, only that we continue to try some things and that some work while some do not. As we approach the Christmas season, excitement mounts as rehearsals begin for the traditional "mystery play" which is given every other year. Our chief reason for writing now is to invite each of you to come and see the mystery play! There will be two performances: Friday, December 16 and Sunday, December 18, both at 8:00 P.M. in Darrah Hall. We plan to open Arnett House and the cafeteria so that we can easily take care of a large group. We hope very much that a number of you can come. If you can give us an indication now as to whether you think you might be able to come, you may write about definite travel plans later on.

Another special reason for writing now: Miss Grace House leaves soon for an eight-month visit with her family at their beloved American Farm School in Greece. Our love and good wishes go with her.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney

Courtney Siceloff

Greetings from the
staff at Penn

Christmas, 1960

December 9, 1960

Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Secretary
South Carolina Advisory Committee
Commission on Civil Rights
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I am writing to confirm the decision of the Southern Regional Council to provide consultant service assistance to the sub-committee on unemployment of the South Carolina Advisory Committee in its study of minority employment practices in private firms with government contracts and Federal Government agencies operating in the state of South Carolina. While it is impossible at this early stage to determine precisely the ~~time~~ kind and scope of services available, you may be sure that we will co-operate fully within the limits of our resources and the purposes of the Consultant Service Program.

Sincerely yours,

John Hope II, Chief Consultant

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cc: Mr. E. R. McIver, Chairman
The Reverend J. Herbert Nelson,
Chairman Employment Sub-Committee
Mr. Paul Rilling, Field Director, SRC

December 19, 1960

Dr. H. V. Manning, President
Claflin College
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear President Manning:

On behalf of the Committee which met with you last week, I would like to express our appreciation for your courtesy and for your interest in the research project.

First, I would like to ask if you would designate a representative from Claflin College to serve on the five-man committee which we discussed. We would be pleased if you could serve. If your other responsibilities do not permit this, please name a representative from the College to serve on the committee.

I returned to Penn Thursday night to find that the Chairman of our Board, Mr. Marion Wright, had just arrived for a short visit. I reported on our meeting with you and he was most interested. We discussed plans for an approach to foundations for financial support for the research project. In this connection, we would appreciate having from you some background information about Claflin College which could be included in a proposal for a grant. This might include descriptive brochures, if you have them.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

cc: Paul Rilling
Mrs. Alice Spearman

cs/es

December 20, 1960

Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Enclosed is a brief summary of developments in the Beaufort self-survey, written by Bob Stowell of our staff, who worked very closely with this project.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Southern Regional Council for its assistance in this effort. The services of Herman Long were invaluable.

Although, as the summary points out, the outcome of the community meeting was negative, we feel that much was gained by getting the group together. There are few occasions when Beaufort people can sit down together in a biracial group and discuss any subject. We are trying to keep the lines of communication open. The morning after that meeting, we received the SRC Special Report L-21 on "Public Schools and Community Development." We sent it at once to the Beaufort person who had been at the meeting and who had felt a survey so unnecessary - a man who spends a great deal of time trying to attract industry to Beaufort. We have ordered extra copies to send to others who were at the meeting, along with Report L-22, which is equally pertinent.

Sunday night we had the "mystery play" which is given at Penn every two years. Father Anderson of the Catholic Church in Beaufort was here, as he always is, and he made this statement: "When I came into the meeting, I said, 'Who are <u>we</u> to get anything done -- Catholics, Jews, and Negroes!'"

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

cc: John Hope II
Paul Rilling

Beaufort Self-Survey

In October the Council on Human Relations for Beaufort decided to sponsor a "self-survey" of the city. The Rev. Mack Sharpe was elected temporary chairman to arrange for an "organizing" meeting.

Two meetings were then held which included members of the Council on Human Relations and others in the community who were invited to take part in these preliminary discussions. An information sheet telling the purpose of the survey was prepared and given to all members. It was emphasized that the Council on Human Relations no longer was connected with the survey and that any survey group would be autonomous. Also, that the survey was of the entire community, not of any racial segment of it. It was thought that it would be primarily a FACT FINDING survey rather than one which made recommendations. The first meeting was well attended; the second meeting was poorly attended.

Several additional people were asked to come to a third meeting to discuss the desirability of a "first look at Beaufort." Penn staff members were responsible for asking many of those who were to come to the third meeting. Penn also arranged to have Herman Long come to give advice on self-surveys to the meeting through the courtesy of the Southern Regional Council. We also asked Dr. J. P. Hollis, former Superintendent of Schools in Greenville, to tell about his part in the survey in Greenville where he was chairman of the committee on housing.

At this third meeting, with fourteen present, Courtney Siceloff served as Chairman. Dr. Hollis emphasized the value of the survey to the community and that it was not an academic exercise. He said that the Greenville survey was done in 1950 and this was 1960. Herman Long then told how a survey can be carried out and emphasized the fact that it was a self-survey not by outside experts.

In the discussion period, three members of the group were of the opinion that such a survey would "upset the good relations" between the races in Beaufort. They also asked what was wrong with the city and why there was any need for a survey. The answer FACTS did not impress them. One of the most outspoken of those opposed took the attitude of "Leave it all to the City Fathers" and they will listen to any problems you may have. It was impossible to remove the emphasis on the two races in talking about the survey. The conclusion was that no further meetings were needed. One person said that this had been most valuable, because it provided a rare opportunity for Negro and white citizens to discuss mutual problems. It was clear that we did not have a strongly positive white person present who was convinced of the value of the survey (outside professionals - Penn staff and the consultants). Further action suggested was to secure the information in limited areas of concern to be discussed in small groups. Also that action might be forthcoming concerning the library and concerts. The consultants felt it had been a valuable and interesting meeting.

-Robert Stowell

MEMORANDUM

Frogmore, S. C.
February 3, 1961

To: Members of Advisory Committee,
South Carolina Research Project
Dr. H. V. Manning, Claflin College
Rev. I. D. Newman, NAACP
Mr. W. E. Solomon, Palmetto Education Association
Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, S. C. Council on Human Relations

From: Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.

Last week Marion Wright and I were in New York, talking with foundations about support for the two-year research project for South Carolina. A formal proposal has been submitted to one of these foundations. It has been the reaction of the foundations that they would want to know who the research person would be who would direct the project.

At our last meeting, several names were mentioned, but no procedure was worked out as to how the person should be approached. Therefore, I am suggesting a meeting of this Advisory Committee, to work out some sort of priority as to the research director and means of getting a tentative agreement with him.

I am suggesting that we meet at 10:30 A.M. on one of the following dates: Thursday, February 9, Friday, February 10, or Monday, February 13. Will you please indicate on the enclosed post card your preference? I suggest that we meet in the office of the Palmetto Education Association in Columbia, if that is convenient with Mr. Solomon.

In the meantime, let us all be thinking of persons who might undertake this work.

Courtney Siceloff

cs/es

bc: Harold C. Fleming
Marion A. Wright
Paul Rilling

March 3, 1961

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Center
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

According to my records, I never got around to billing your state rural project for the trip to Columbia to see the college president at Claflin. Unless I am in error on this, you owe us:

$1.50	airport parking
36.96	round trip air fare
$38.46	

Please make check payable to SRC.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/mm

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Frogmore, South Carolina

NOTICE OF MEETINGS INCIDENT TO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 1961

March 7, 1961

TO : Members of the Board of Trustees and Members of Program Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Spring Meetings

The following details are furnished pursuant to the Notice of Annual Meeting contained in the Minutes of 8 October 1960.

5 Please consult the Directory, described in numbered paragraph 6, in determining meetings you should attend. The schedule of sessions appears as Attachment 1 hereto.

1. The Annual Meeting of the Board will be held in the Frissell Auditorium in Frogmore, South Carolina, on Saturday, April 8, 1961, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. A preliminary agenda is attached, Attachment 2.

Persons giving formal reports -- e.g., officers and committee chairmen, -- are asked to prepare them in writing and deposit a copy with the Secretary for the Minutes.

Members of the Program Advisory Committee this year are invited to sit with the Board at the Annual Meeting, without vote.

As in the past, wives and children are invited to stay at Penn during this period. In line with our custom, wives are welcome to attend the meeting of the Board; time not occupied will afford opportunity for family outings as well as for tours of Penn properties and nearby spots of interest. You are cordially welcome to remain with your families beyond the close of formal business for as long as you desire.

2. The Executive and Finance Committees will meet in the Frissell Lounge in Frogmore jointly at 10:00 A.M., Friday, April 7th, for such portion of the day as is necessary to complete the business on hand, Attachment 3.

3. The Nominating Committee will meet at Frogmore, Friday evening, April 7th, beginning with supper at 6:15 P.M. at Hampton House, and followed by further discussion at Frissell Lounge.

4. No meetings of the other committees are being called formally. Their respective chairmen may arrange with Director Siceloff for meetings if desired, and in that event are hereby asked to advise the members of the time and place of meeting. Friday dinner and evening, and Saturday lunch, are available times, and follow-up planning can be scheduled at 10:15 Sunday morning if necessary.

5. The By-Laws require the Secretary to give notice of Trustees whose terms expire at this meeting. These are shown in your current "Directory of Trustees and Advisory Board" distributed as of October, 1960. We suggest that you bring the Directory, since it is helpful to your review of the Nominating Committee recommendations to be made on April 8th.

6. After reviewing the attachments, kindly mail as promptly as possible the enclosed form indicating your expectations, so that we may provide for you comfortably. (A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.)

We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Cornelius A. Wood Jr.
BM.

Cornelius A. Wood, Jr.
Secretary

Attachments:

1. Schedule of Meetings
2. Preliminary Agenda: Trustees
3. Preliminary Agenda: Executive-Finance, joint meeting
4. Transportation information

Enclosures: Reply Form -- RETURN PROMPTLY

Reply Envelope

ATTACHMENT 1

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Frogmore, South Carolina

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, APRIL 7-9, 1961
(as of 3/8/61)

April 7th, Friday:

A. 8:00-9:30 A.M.: Breakfast, Cafeteria

B. 10:00 A.M. and continuing as needed, with luncheon recess: Executive and Finance Committees joint meeting at Frissell Lounge. Adjournment hopefully by 4:00 P.M.

C. 12:15 P.M.: Lunch, Cafeteria

D. 4:00 P.M.: Sec'y. and steno. prepare Exec. Com. Report

E. 6:15 P.M.: Dinner, Cafeteria -- except Nominating Committee

F. 6:15 P.M.: Nominating Committee: Supper at Hampton House, evening discussion continuing in Frissell Lounge

G. 9:00 P.M.: Sec'y. & steno. prepare Nom. Com. Report

April 8th, Saturday:

A. 8:00-9:30 A.M.: Breakfast, Cafeteria

B. 10:00 A.M.-12:45 P.M.; 2:15-5:00 P.M.: Board of Trustees. Frissell Auditorium. (Wives and Program Advisory Committee members invited, without vote.)

C. 1:00 P.M.: Lunch, Cafeteria

D. 6:15 P.M.: Dinner, Cafeteria

E. 7:30 P.M.: A special and unusual evening is planned, with a later announcement of details.

April 9th, Sunday:

A. 8:00-9:30 A.M.: Breakfast

B. 9:15-10:00 A.M.: Friends' Meeting (optional) -- Frissell Lounge
Friends' Meeting will be held at 10:15 A.M. unless committees are convened, see C below.

*C. 10:15 A.M. (if specially called), concurrently: Organization meetings if specially convened by chairmen. Definite notice of all committee meetings will be announced on Saturday evening, as will the hour for Friends' Meeting.

D. 1:15 P.M.: Dinner

* E. Afternoon: Open for committees (if called by chairmen) preferring not to meet Sunday morning or for final business

F. 6:15 P.M.: Supper

* As of this writing, no such meetings are scheduled.

ATTACHMENT 2

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Frogmore, South Carolina

TRUSTEES' AGENDA
(as of 3/7/61)

8 April 1961

1. Period of Silence, informal roll call and introduction of Trustees, ratification of October 1960 Minutes.

2. Executive Session

3. Annual Reports (please provide Secretary with a written copy of your report)

   a) Chairman: re program, publicity, fund-raising

   b) Treasurer: a comparison of operations with the budget authorized for the year

   c) Committee Chairmen

      i) Executive Committee
      ii) Finance Committee: investments
      iii) Property Committee
      iv) [Public Relations Committee and fund-raising]
      v) Ad Hoc Committees: Recording; Centennial

   d) Director and program staff (5 minutes apiece, maximum)

4. Evaluation comments and questions: group discussion by Trustees as to our program, property, and finances.

5. Luncheon: 1 P.M. to 2 P.M. (Depending on time, agenda items following 3. may be postponed to afternoon.)

6. Nominating Committee recommendations; elections; Board Chairman may announce 1961-1962 committee assignments and respective chairmen

7. 1961-1962 Budget. (Placed at this point in order to afford reconsideration in the light of such program or fund-raising suggestions as may have been developed during the day.)

8. Other Business

9. Executive Session Number 2 if desired.

10. Scheduling Next Meetings

    a) Each committee
    b) Board

11. Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 3

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Frogmore, South Carolina

EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEES
Joint Meeting, 7 April 1961

A G E N D A
(as of 3/7/61)

1. Minutes 7 October 1960

2. Board Chairman's remarks

3. Current financial position compared to budget (Treasurer Clement)

4. Report of Finance Committee Chairman (Brown)

5. Board Chairman reporting in lieu of absent Public Relations Chairman as to publicity and fund-raising

6. Other committee chairmen and officers (only items deserving review before presentation to Board; e.g., Salary Subcommittee, Property, Centennial plans)

7. Director as to old business (only items requiring discussion; other matters to be reported "by title" or in writing so as to be recorded but not discussed)

   a) Forestry and property management (Butler, Nursery, Cafeteria expansion, Chisolm Tract)

   b) Financial administration (accounting and cash flow procedures simplified, "scholarship" funds unfrozen, unemployment compensation, pension termination)

   c) Program (semi-autonomous Nursery School, S. C. study project "B" -- Beaufort County -- and project "A" -- state-wide research)

   d) Other

8. Director as to new business

   a) 1961-1962 budget)
   b) 1961-1962 personnel) -- in context of long-run objectives
   c) Work camps

   d) Experiments in fund-raising and publicity; 1962 Mystery Play, publications and recordings -- related to Centennial

   e) Other

9. Executive Session

10. Other Business, next meeting, adjournment.

ATTACHMENT 4

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Frogmore, South Carolina

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Southern participants are mainly familiar with methods of reaching Frogmore; most come by car, see below. For those primarily from the North, the following is provided. Travel expense reimbursement vouchers available in Frogmore upon request.

1. Rail -- Generally, from the Northeast, rail access is the most convenient, via Atlantic Coast Line to Yemassee, S. C., where Penn meets trains on notice. The best schedules, but not the only ones, are summarized below.

SOUTHBOUND: "Palmetto-77": Lv. NYC (Penn Sta.) 1:50 P.M.[x]; Lv. Phila. (30th St.) 3:25 P.M.[x]; lv. Washington 6:15 P.M.[xx]; Arr. Charleston 7:05 A.M.; Arr. Yemassee 8:35 A.M.; Arr. Savannah 9:50 A.M.

x Connecting train, change in Washington at 5:35 P.M.

xx Diner NY-Wash. only; sandwiches & beverages Wash.-Richmond; no food below Richmond.

"Havana Special-75": Lv. NYC (Penn Sta.) 9:00 P.M.; Lv. Phila. (30th St.) 10:57 P.M.; Lv. Washington 2:15 A.M *; Arr. Charleston 3:40 P.M.; Arr. Yemassee 4:28 P.M.; Arr. Savannah 5:45 P.M.

*Sleeper available 1:35 A.M.

An alternative Southbound arrangement: "West Coast Champion", train 91, to Savannah where Penn will meet or you can rent a car, see below. This train provides better dining service than "Palmetto" but has the drawback of early arrival. Avis car rental agency adjoins Hotel deSoto, where breakfast may be taken; Penn's car can meet you there after breakfast if requested. Counter food service available at depot. Schedule: Lv. NYC 3:50 P.M.; Phila. (30thSt.) 5:32; Washington 8:20; Arr. Savannah 6:50 A.M.

NORTHBOUND: "West Coast Champion-92: Lv. Savannah 8:40 P.M.; Lv. Yemassee 9:32 P.M.; Lv. Charleston 10:21 P.M.; Arr. Washington 7:20 A.M.; Arr. Phila. (30thSt.) 10:09 A.M.; Arr. NYC (Penn Sta.) 11:50 A.M.

2. Air -- Charleston airport within 100 miles of Penn, Savannah 50 miles, but less frequent service. April schedules not now available; inquire of Delta, Eastern, National airlines. Penn will meet, given sufficient advance notice, or rent a car, see below.

3. Automobile -- Rentals in Savannah or Charleston, delivery to depots or airports. Avis, Hertz serve both cities. Cheapest rate is for "Compacts" available from Avis, Savannah, at $8.00 per day and .08 per mile; other cars available at standard rates, generally $10 and .10.

Automobiles: travel to Beaufort, S. C., then east on highway 21 across Beaufort River Bridge seven miles to Frogmore, turn right at center Cooperative Store for one-half mile to Penn sign in live oak grove.

4. Phone -- (Beaufort, S.C.): Office: JA 4-4337; Home: JA 4-4347

Enclosure

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Frogmore, South Carolina

REPLY FORM
(March 1961)

PLEASE return this form promptly to Courtney Siceloff at Frogmore, so that we may plan appropriately. If your plans change, advise Courtney, but send this form now.

1.) I shall ARRIVE at Frogmore on _____ _____
(date) (day)

at about _____ by _____.
(hour) (Rail - specify Yemassee or Savannah
Air - specify Savannah or Charleston
Automobile)

Please _____ provide transportation from _____
(do, do not)

_____
(depot, airport, hotel -- specify hotel name and hour)

at _____.
(Yemassee, Savannah, Charleston)

My wife _____ coming, and children _____
(is, is not) (number, age, sex)

2.) I/We expect to LEAVE on _____ _____, at about
(date) (day)

_____ by _____.
(hour) (rail, automobile, air)

Please _____ provide transportation to _____
(do, do not)

_____.
(Yemassee, Savannah, Charleston)

NOTE: In answering above items, going and returning, specify carrier and destination -- e.g., "Rail" to "Yemassee" or "Air" to "Savannah" or "Charleston".

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

ST. HELENA ISLAND

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

I have sent Courtney some names. He himself has dug up a possible candidate who seems interested: returning sociologist at Univ of Maryland

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

June 24, 1961

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Dr. Leslie Dunbar, Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia

"Dear Les"

The enclosed memorandum describes a prpposed research project for South Carolina. As a member of the advisory committee for the project, I am seeking the name of a person or persons who have the ability to direct such a project and who might be interested in doing so.

The two-year proj ct will be based at Claflin college, a Negro Methodist institution with a bi-racial faculty in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Thus, race is not a determining factor in the selection of the director. The salary for the director is approximately $8,000.

While funds are not in hand for the project, a foundation is considering the proposal, and apparently their decision will be guided by the availability of a skilled research director.

I would appreciate very much if you could suggest one or several people whom you think might undertake this research. I am enclosing several copies of the memorandum, in case you would like to send it directly to any interested persons.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

Courtney Siceloff

cs/bbm

Dictated by Mr. Siceloff
but signed in his absence

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August 23, 1961

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Siceloff:

Paul Rilling has suggested that the enclosed copy of "Action Patterns in School Desegregation" would also be useful reading for Col. Decker, in addition to the materials mentioned in your letter of August 7 to Paul Anthony.

Sincerely,

Marge Henderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MH:s
Enclosure

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

ST. HELENA ISLAND

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

September 15, 1961

To: Members, Board of Trustees
Members, Program Advisory Committee
Penn Community Services, Inc.

From: Cornelius A. Wood, Jr.
Secretary

Enclosed are the Minutes of the April 1961 Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

As you will note from the concluding paragraph of the Minutes, a meeting of the full Board and of the Program Advisors is being called for October 21 at Frogmore. At this meeting we will be making plans for the 1962 Centennial celebration and considering other matters of some urgency. I hope that you can begin now to make plans to attend this meeting. You will receive an agenda and other details of the meeting soon.

Sincerely yours,

Cornelius A. Wood Jr.

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Enclosures:
Minutes, April 1961 Board
and Executive Committee Meetings
with Attachments

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

Board of Trustees

Meeting April 8, 1961

MINUTES

Pursuant to notice of meeting dated 7 March 1961, the Board of Trustees, Penn Community Services, Inc., was convened at Frissell Building, Frogmore, South Carolina, 8 April 1961, beginning at 10:00 A. M.

Trustees present were: Chairman Marion Wright, Treasurer Clement, Secretary Wood; Mesdames McConaughy, Sanders and Spearman; Messrs. Barrington, Brown, Dabbs, Evans, Gardner, Hardy, and Sharpe. Mrs. Y. W. Bailey and Dr. Benjamin Mays of the Program Advisory Committee were also present. Attending portions of the meeting were members of the staff: Courtney and Elizabeth Siceloff, Leroy and Corinne Browne; Norman Richards and Robert Stowell. Attending also were Mrs. Harold Evans and Miss Phoebe McConaughy.

Regrets on account of illness or absence were received from Trustees Aull, Bell, Cadbury, Campbell, Curtis, House, McChesney, and Mooney, and from Program Advisory Committee members Gray, Haigler, Johnson, Reuben and Smith.

The meeting began with a brief period of silence, following which the Board went into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Routine only. Commended all staff members.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the 8 October Meeting of the Board of Trustees, held in Frogmore, were accepted in the form previously mailed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Wright reviewed the history of Penn from its beginnings 99 years ago as a relief effort, through the period of formal education, and now as a community and conference center, noting that Board and community have at each stage anticipated the needs of the time. He pointed to the new phase marked by the launching of the pilot project and the proposed statewide research project, stating, "I have never since my connection with Penn had more of a feeling of optimism as to its prospects for increasing usefulness..."

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Clement reviewed the ten-month financial statement covering the period May 1, 1960 - February 28, 1961, pointing out that we would close this fiscal year in the best financial shape "in years". For the first time in many years we have not dipped into the principal, whereas a year ago we withdrew $6,000. The improved financial condition is due to an increase in individual contributions as well as from foundations. Mr. Clement approvingly noted that $1,000 of the annual Field Foundation grant is to be available for administration, and said this illustrates a trend toward realism in foundation giving. Hurricane repairs have been completed, and Mr. Clement felt that the staff should be commended on the management of this program.

Treasurer Clement proposed and the Board unanimously adopted a MOTION of appreciation to Miss Annie E. McGleughlin for her splendid assistance with the bookkeeping, and authorized her attendance at the 1962 Centennial at Penn expense.

MOTION accepting Treasurer's report with approval was adopted.

EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

The Secretary summarized the actions of the Executive and Finance Committees in joint session on 7 April 1961 as set forth in the Minutes of said meeting, which appear as Attachment 1 to these Minutes.

The Executive Committee passed motions concerning the following subjects about which Board action is recommended by the Committee:

(1) Nursery School. Noting the recent establishment of an autonomous local Nursery School board which is functioning and fully meeting the current Nursery School budget, thanks to increased fees and Penn's $500 appropriation; and in the light of the local Board opinion that it should be self-sustaining in three to five years, the Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the following MOTION: that Penn's appropriation to the nursery board be $450 for the fiscal year 1961-62, the local group to meet the balance required for operations and an agreed-upon increase in Mrs. Browne's salary; that in fiscal year 1962-63 Penn's appropriation be reduced to $350; in 1963-64, $250; in 1964-65, $100; and thereafter eliminated entirely; in addition, Director Siceloff be and hereby is directed to work up a draft lease in consultation with Board Chairman Wright, such lease to include the provision of maintenance by the lessee, rent to be nominal, terms to be agreed upon by the lessee prior to review by Penn's Executive Committee; effective date to be agreed upon between lessor and

lessee, but a progress report shall be made to the next meeting of the Executive Committee; Penn's tax-exempt status as an educational institution to be kept in mind in connection with the drafting of satisfactory terminology in the proposed lease.

In discussing this recommendation with Mrs. Browne, who was present on behalf of the Nursery School Board, the Board made clear that the forthcoming provisions and selection of effective date shall not be such as to burden excessively and unnecessarily the local group, inasmuch as Penn wholeheartedly wishes to reaffirm its support of the nursery school concept.

Upon MOTION duly made and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the above motion emanating from its Executive Committee, with the understanding that the above schedule and other details shall be subject to periodic review as the several stages are implemented and in 1965.

(2) MOTION recommending the establishment of a funded account to receive the monthly appropriation of $75 in the 1961-62 budget ($900, line item entitled "Capital Expenditure Fund";) such account to be established as a savings and loan association; and the proper officers of Penn Community Services be, and hereby are, authorized to open such account by executing an appropriate Resolution, and are also authorized to sign for receipts and withdrawals from said account, reporting such transactions to the Treasurer of the Corporation. Adopted.

(3) Regarding the fiscal year 1961-62 budget, Secretary Wood reported that the Executive Committee had approved a budget which will later today be recommended by the Treasurer to the Board for adoption.

Upon MOTION duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried the Board received this report and ratified the actions of its Executive-Finance Joint Committee since 1960's Annual Meeting as set forth in Minutes of said Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Chairman Brown summarized a report setting forth the securities and investment income of Penn Community Services, Inc. The report is appended to the official copy of these Minutes. MOTION unanimously adopted approving the actions of the Finance Committee as set forth in Mr. Brown's written report of 30 March '61 and 3-page Schedule attached thereto.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Reporting that the Executive Committee has asked Director Siceloff to confer with South Carolina counsel for suggestions on how to proceed toward eliminating restrictions applicable to the Ella McCaleb, Martha Cameron Lindsay, Mary E. Rice and John Dugan, the Rebecca Winsor and the Mary E. Pierce accounts, (c.p. Executive-Finance Committee Minutes, 7 October 1960, p. 3, paragraph numbered 3, top of page), Harold Evans cautioned that due attention be given to securing an opinion in each case relating the particular account to the law of the state in which such trust is domicile; MOTION made, seconded, and unanimously carried authorizing such action, and requesting that counsel indicate the fee which would result if we decide to go ahead, counsel's findings to be reported to the next meeting of the Board.

Board discussion of the above raised a question as to whether the present provisions for safeguarding our corporate records are satisfactory.

The above discussion led to some consideration of our approach to various foundations, including the suggestion that Board officers consider the desirability of communicating with the Arthur Curtiss James Foundation for a grant in furtherance of our Centennial activities, including, for example, funds to enable us to republish the book of St. Helena spirituals and/or issue recordings of such spirituals.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Siceloff summarized his written report dated 8 April 1961, which is appended as Attachment 2 to these Minutes.

A Panel Discussion on the workshop technique replaced the usual formal reports of various projects and programs by those responsible for them. Robert Stowell, program director, acted as moderator and the following community workers took part: Mrs. Ethel Bailey, Mrs. Albertha Browne, A. J. Brown, Miss Harriet Watson, Mr. J. P. King, and Norman Richards.

Robert Stowell reported that two workshops had been held at Penn recently on the construction of sanitary facilities; that another, entitled "How to Stretch Your Dollar," had been concerned with consumer problems, with a third scheduled on "Small Loans and Insurance;" that workshops had also been held in woodlot management and guidance for high school students.

Mr. King pointed out that the praise houses are passing from the scene and are no longer an effective method of keeping

people informed. While the idea of a workshop is good more needs to be done in helping people to understand what a workshop is. In the discussion, pertinent questions and comments on such matters as migration, community-church cooperation, voting, and handcrafts were put forth by Trustees Clement, Hardy, Evans, Spearman, Dabbs, and Wright. A comment by Dr. Mays closed the discussion: "A lot of people get over prejudice through the ballot!"

LUNCHEON

Luncheon was served in the cafeteria at 1:00 P. M. The afternoon session of the Trustees was called to order at 2:30 P.M.

OLIVIA STOKES FUND

A question was raised about the Olivia Stokes Church Fund. It was reported that small amounts from the Fund had been used to help repair Praise Houses after the hurricane. Courtney Siceloff was asked to investigate the current status of this Fund and to circulate a memorandum to the Executive Committee on the subject: terms of gift, who should be fund trustees (Island people eligible?).

Mr. Hardy suggested that appropriate letters should go to the Richards and Stowell families who have served at Penn for two years and are soon to leave, expressing the appreciation and interest of the Board. Secretary was so instructed, by the Board, upon the unanimous adoption of a MOTION of appreciation.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A mimeographed report of the Nominating Committee, which met on 7 April 1961, was distributed to the Trustees. (A copy is appended in the official Minute Book.)

Trustees

Upon MOTION duly made, seconded, and carried, incumbents Curtis, Dabbs, Hardy, McConaughy, Mooney and Spearman were elected Trustees for the term expiring in 1964, as was new Trustee J. Floyd Moore, of 5911 Ballinger Road, Guilford College, Greensboro, N. C. (Dr. Moore is Danforth Professor of Biblical Literature and Religion at Guilford College.) Program Advisor (former Trustee) W. E. Solomon, Executive Secretary, Palmetto Education Association, 1719 Taylor Street, Columbia, S. C. was also elected to the 1964 term.

Upon MOTION duly made, seconded and carried, Mrs. Harry Abrahamson of Celo Community, Route 5, Burnsville, N. C., was

elected as a new Trustee, for a term expiring in 1963. Mr. A. M. Secrest, who has served both on the Board and on the Program Advisory Committee, was also elected Trustee for a term to expire in 1963. Mr. Secrest, publisher of the Cheraw Chronicle, may be addressed at Box 191, Cheraw, S. C.

Regarding the proposed new category of Honorary Trustee or Trustee Emeritus a MOTION was adopted approving the idea in principle, and requesting that the nominating committee present to the 1961 fall meeting of the Board of Trustees a recommended title for this category, with a list of suggested candidates. Chairman Wood in turn asked the Trustees to accept individual responsibility to write the Nominating Committee suggestions for title and candidates.

Officers

Upon MOTION duly made, seconded and carried, the following officers were elected for the term expiring in 1962; Marion A. Wright, Chairman; William Cadbury, Vice Chairman; Cornelius A. Wood, Jr., Secretary; and William A. Clement, Treasurer.

Finance Committee

Upon MOTION duly made, seconded and carried, the following were elected members of the Finance Committee, for term expiring in 1962: incumbents Brown, Cadbury, and Evans; and ex officio, Board Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.

Executive Committee

The election of officers and the selection by the Board Chairman of the standing committees' chairmen, together with the Finance Chairman, automatically determines the membership of this committee.

Program Advisory Committee

Upon MOTION duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following were elected for the term expiring at the Annual Meeting in 1962: incumbents Bailey, Buchanan, Cope, Cornwell, Grey, Haigler, Hamilton, Mays, Reuben, Rilling, and Smith.

With reluctance, the Board accepted the resignation of Dr. George Aull from the Board of Trustees, and upon MOTION duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, elected him a member of the Program Advisory Committee.

New members elected to the Program Advisory Committee were: The Rev. M. D. McCollom, Methodist pastor of Orangeburg, S. C., and Dr. Guy Johnson, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Director

Upon MOTION duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Courtney Siceloff was reappointed as Director for the ensuing year, with commendation for his increasingly able leadership.

Nominating Committee

Upon MOTION duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following were elected to the Nominating Committee for the term expiring at the 1962 Annual Meeting: Brown, Dabbs, Hardy, Spearman, Wood. [Pursuant to the By-Laws, this Committee subsequently re-elected Wood as its Chairman.]

BUDGET: 1961-62

The Treasurer presented the budget as recommended by the Executive-Finance Committee at its Joint Meeting on 7 April 1961, and it appears as Attachment No. 3. Upon MOTION duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the budget was adopted as presented.

In the discussion of budget, Harold Evans reminded the group of the importance of individual contributors to an effort like ours, and cautioned that such contributors not be neglected in favor of making approaches to foundations. An organization gains by a large list of individual contributors, he stated; "there is no substitute for the personal approach."

Robert Stowell reported on the results of the Thanksgiving appeal which went to all contributors and friends of Penn. By the first of February, when an analysis was prepared, $2,240 had been received from 116 individual contributors. While the gifts ranged from $1 to $500, the average was $19.22. Southern support has increased. There are about twenty new contributors, the majority having moved from the "interested" list after receiving the Thanksgiving appeal.

NEXT MEETING

Tentative arrangements were made for a fall meeting of Trustees, to be held in October. A subsequent poll of the Executive Committee by mail and telephone has resulted in the following plans:

The next meeting of the Penn Board of Trustees will be held on October 21, 1961 at 10:00 A.M. at Penn Center, St. Helena Island, Frogmore, South Carolina. The usual Annual Meeting will be held in the spring of 1962 at Frogmore.

Respectfully submitted:

Cornelius A. Wood, Jr.
Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Minutes, Joint Meeting Executive and Finance Committees, 7 April 1961
2. Report of Director
3. Budget, 1961-62

APPENDICES (Minute Book Only):

1. Agenda
2. Report of Finance Committee
3. Report of Nominating Committee

Attachment 1.

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Executive - Finance Joint Meeting

Frogmore, S. C., 7 April 1961

SUMMARY
(In lieu of Minutes)

Convened 10:20 A.M.; adjourned 6:30 P.M., 1½ hour luncheon recess. Present: Wright, Siceloff, Clement, Wood, Brown. Absent: Aull, Cadbury, Evans, Jenks.

MINUTES 7 October 1960: approved as mailed.

BUDGET STATUS (fiscal year 1961): substantially improved -- the budgeted $10,000 deficit appears to be fully met.

INVESTMENTS: a $376,000 corpus yields $12,300 per annum -- 65.5% in commons, 11.5% preferreds, 23% bonds. $15,000 awaiting investment. The past triennium has shown a $100,000 appreciation in corpus despite capital withdrawals to meet operating deficits. Yield at market is 3.6%.

PUBLICITY AND FUND-RAISING: centralization in Board Chairman and Director has been productive, thanks to volunteers, despite short-handed office staff. Committee commends increased travel and budget (see budget) for fund-raising.

CENTENNIAL: get going at once. Relate date of 1962 Annual Meeting to Centennial. Miss McGleughlin to be invited to attend at Penn's expense.

PROPERTY: fence Chisolm tract and duly record same with filed photos, memo, and annual closings. Screened cafeteria extension this summer unanimously authorized by mail. Guest house for VIP's, beginning 15 July. Landscaping to be mapped before Richards leave.

Nursery School: autonomous Board established and functioning. Meeting budget fully thanks to increased fees and Penn's $500 appropriation. Group believes should be self-sustaining in 3 - 5 years. MOTION carried: 1961-62 Penn appropriation $450, local group to meet balance plus increase in Mrs. Brown's salary; $350 in 1962-63; $250 in 1963-64; $100 in 1964-65; $0 thereafter; in addition, Siceloff directed to work up a lease, in conjunction with Board Chairman, to include maintenance borne by lessee, preliminary terms to be agreeable to lessee and our Chairman and Director prior to review by our Trustees' Executive

Committee; timing of implementation to be mutually agreeable, but report of status and progress to be made to next Executive Committee meeting. Internal Revenue tax exemption to be considered as a factor in lease form: we are an educational as well as a charitable institution.

PERSONNEL: clear proposed staffers with Salary Committee (Board Chairman, Treasurer, and Director).

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Philadelphia-Frogmore cash flow: auditor's proposal embodied in MOTION enacted authorizing Director to retain, (rather than transferring to Philadelphia), monies received in Frogmore, while Philadelphia shall reimburse Frogmore for actual expended less these retained receipts.

Tickler file on donors: to be established at Penn and follow-up effectuated regularly, at the precise date set forth in the tickler file.

"Scholarships": get South Carolina counsel on how to proceed unfreezing, and fee therefor, in re McCaleb, Lindsay, Rice and Dugan, Winsor and Pierce accounts. cp. Executive-Finance Minutes 7 October 1960, p. 3, paragraph numbered "3", top of page.

Pensions: terminating in June, excepting for Grace House. Chairman to mail closing remittance with personal letters, cheques to be endorsed "final payment".

1962 BUDGET: see below.

"RURAL STUDY"

Project B (Beaufort County Pilot Project): 20 field service applicants being evaluated by our Director and Salary Committee, then by Field Foundation which has put up all the money.

Project A (State-side research): financing not yet assured, Norman Fund and Field Foundation studying. Director then to be sought. Claflin College probable research site, but foundation grant will be to Penn as funds applicant and administrator "commissioning" the research.

SENINARS AT PENN: continuing work toward. Exemplified by modest beginning, e.g. Guilford College Choir and forthcoming musical lectures; Dr. Mays' address on 8 April; anticipated lectures by field researcher in above-mentioned Project "B".

1962 BUDGET:

MOTION recommending Board Approval as presented per attachments 2 and 3, adjusted for a $600 increase in Director's salary.

(Note new items, including Capital Expenditure Fund -- a practical start toward funded depreciation reserve.) MOTION recommending that Board instruct that this Capital Expenditure item shall be charged monthly and funded by deposits to a savings account to be established in a Federally insured commercial bank savings account or Federally insured savings and loan association. MOTION recommended that Board empower the Treasurer and two members of the Finance Committee to open account by signing necessary bank resolution, also authorizing these officers to sign for receipts and withdrawals, reporting same to Treasurer.

Peace Corps Training Center at Penn: Director to query Evans and Fleming.

Respectfully submitted,

Cornelius A. Wood, Jr.
Secretary

Attachment 3

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

1961-1962 Proposed Budget

GENERAL OPERATIONS

EXPENSES:			
Salaries		$ 17,000 ~~15,900.~~	
Social Security		700.	
Medical Insurance		660.	
Travel		1,750.	
Clinic		30.	
Entertainment		350.	
Guest House			
Rental	720.		
Utilities	150.		
Furnishings	150.		
Cleaning, Laundry	350.		
Insurance	35.	1,405.	
Trustee Expense		1,500.	
Recording		50.	
Office and Bookkeeping			
Telephone & Telegraph	400.		
Postage	250.		
Office Supplies	450.		
Treasurer's Expense	820.		
Audit	300.		
Publicity	1,000.		
Fund Raising	1,500.		
Utilities	150.		
Miscellaneous	50.	4,920.	
Maintenance:			
General	1,500.		
Rental	700.		
Roads & Grounds	200.		
Insurance	1,230.	3,630.	
Capital Expenditure Fund		900.	
Centennial Commemoration		500.	
Pensions		2,742.	
Miscellaneous		100.	~~35,037.~~ 36,237.
INCOME FORECAST:			
Income Invested Funds		12,000.	
General Contributions:			
Individuals		7,500.	
Foundations:			
Taconic	6,000.		
Arthur Griggs Fund	575.		
Field -(Overhead- Project)	1,000.	7,575.*	
Rent		2,400.*	
Income from Conferences		750.	
Special Donations		100.	
Miscellaneous		100.	30,425.
BALANCE TO BE RAISED			$ ~~4,612.~~ 5,812.

*1350 Rent of Guest Cottage and Field Worker

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

1961-1962 Proposed Budget

SPECIAL PROJECTS

FIELD WORKER		
Income Forecast		
Balance	9,500	
Grant	11,500	21,000.
Expense		12,000.
NURSERY SCHOOL		
Income Forecast		
Student Fees	1,100.	
Community Activities Council	135.	
Penn Community Services	450.	
Fund Raising	100.	1,785.
Expenses		1,758.
LAURA M. TOWNE LIBRARY		
Income Forecast		
Township Tax	2,400	
Penn Community Services, Inc. Rent and Maintenance	284.	
Miscellaneous	6.	2,690.
Expense		2,690.
ADULT EDUCATION		
Income		
Anticipated Balance	1,129.	
Income	--	1,129.
Expense		400.
CONFERENCES AND INSTITUTES		
Income		
Organization Sponsored	7,500.	
Foundation Sponsored	1,000.	8,500.
Expense		
Operations	7,500	
Capital Purchases	250	
Margin for General Operations	750.	8,500.
SALES HOUSE		
Income Forcast		
Sale of Clothing		250.
Expense		
Personnel and Purchases	115.	
Turn Over Community Activities Council	135.	250.

1961-1962 Proposed Budget

SPECIAL PROJECTS

FORESTRY

Income		
Anticipated Balance May 1, 1960	750.	
Income	--	750.
Expense		
Fire Lanes, Hardwood Control		250.

HURRICANE

Income		
Anticipated Balance, May 1, 1960		580.
Expense		580.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

Income		
Anticipated Balance May 1, 1960	150.	
Income Sales House	135.	
Income Community Sings	50.	235.
Expense		
Nursery School	135.	
Other Community Projects	50.	185.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

A. Frissell Memorial Fund

Income:		
Anticipated balance - May 1, 1961	300.	
Annual Income	800.	1,100.
Expense		
Frissell Maintenance - (including Painting Auditorium)	450.	
Maintenance Superintendent's Salary	200.	
Piano	450.	1,100.

B. Darrah Hall

Income		
Anticipated Balance - May 1, 1961	44.	
Income	133.	177.
Expense		177.

1961-1962 Proposed Budget

SPECIAL PROJECTS

C. Scholarship Fund

Income		
Anticipated balance May 1, 1961	1,129	
Income	--	1,129
Expense		400.

D. Welfare of Girls

Income		
Anticipated Balance May 1, 1961	146.	
Anticipated Grant	400.	546.
Expense		
Nursery	450.	
Craft Classes	96.	546.

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PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

Income and Expenses - General Operations

May 1, 1960 - February 28, 1961

INCOME

General Contributions			
Individuals	5549.		
Foundations	4287.	$ 9,836.	
Income Invested Funds		10,464.	
Rent		2,270.*	
Special Donations		75.	
Miscellaneous		328.	22,973.

EXPENSES

Salaries		13,034.	
Social Security		480.	
Medical Insurance		311.	
Clinic		27.	
Travel		1,400.	
Entertainment		138.	
Trustee Expense		692.	
Recording		31.	
Office and Bookkeeping			
Telephone & Telegraph	308.		
Postage	215.		
Office and Supplies	361.		
Treasurer's Expense	651.		
Audit	204.		
Publicity & Fund Raising	927.		
Miscellaneous	152.	2,818.	
Maintenance			
General	913.		
Rental	494.		
Insurance	1,304.		
Roads & Grounds	183.		
Fire Fighting Equipment	2.	1,592.	
Capital Expenditures - Palmetto Furnishings		45.	
Pensions		3,408.	
Miscellaneous		60.	$ 25,340.

* 600. rent of assistant Director

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

INCOME AND EXPENSES - SPECIAL PROJECTS

May 1, 1960 - February 28, 1961

Field Worker

INCOME

Field Foundation		11,500.

DISBURSEMENTS

Overhead for Project	1,000.	
Off Campus Training for Community Leadership	57.	
Travel	124.	
Telephone	22.	
Office Equipment	41.	
Miscellaneous	47.	1,291.
Balance February 28, 1961		10,209.

Nursery School

INCOME

Student Fees	1,000.	
Penn Community Services	406.	
Community Activities Committee	90.	
Miscellaneous	55.	1,553.

DISBURSEMENTS

Meals	467.	
Personnel	871.	
Utilities	71.	
Miscellaneous	24.	1,433.

ADULT EDUCATION

INCOME

Balance, May 1, 1961	1,029.	
Annual Income, Scholarship Fund	500.	1,529.

DISBURSEMENTS

Materials for Literacy Program	112.	
Books, utilities, miscellaneous	223.	335.

INCOME AND EXPENSES -- SPECIAL PROJECTS

May 1, 1960 - February 28, 1961

LAURA M. TOWNE LIBRARY

INCOME

Township Tax (2mills)		2,200.	
Penn Community Services: Rent & Maintenance		297.	
Miscellaneous		3.	2,500.

DISBURSEMENTS

Books and Periodicals		1,013.	
Salaries		969.	
Rent and Maintenance		297.	
Supplies		22.	
Miscellaneous		240.	2,541.

CONFERENCES & INSTITUTES

INCOME

Organization-Sponsored			
14 Conferences		8,683.	
Foundation-Sponsored			
Consultation- The Rural South	4,750.		
Worshops - Balance	252.	5,002.	13,683.

DISBURSEMENTS

Organization Sponsored		7,761.	
Foundation Sponsored		4,438.	12,199.

SALES HOUSE

INCOME

Sale of Clothing			239.

DISBURSEMENTS

Personnel & Purchases		139.	
Turned over to Community Activities Council		190.	329.

FORESTRY

INCOME

Balance, May 1, 1960		208.	
Sale of timber		1,802.	2,010.

DISBURSEMENTS

Fire Lane and Access Road Construction		261.	
Pine Planting and Hardwood Control		832.	1,093.

INCOME AND EXPENSES - SPECIAL PROJECTS

HURRICANE			
Balance Hurricane Income			6,581.
Expense			
Portion Superintendent's salary		750.	
Material and other Labor		4,084.	4,834
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COUNCIL			
INCOME			
Balance May 1, 1961		186.	
Income - Sales House	112.		
Community Sings	13.	125.	311.
DISBURSEMENTS			
Nursery		105.	
Other Community Projects		31.	136.
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
A. FRISSELL COMMUNITY HOUSE			
Balance		383.	
Annual Income		800.	1,183.
DISBURSEMENTS			
Movie Projector		449.	
Frissell Maintenance-		212	
Portion Supt.'s Salary		200.	861.
B. DARRAH HALL			
INCOME			
Balance May 1, 1960		412.	
Annual Income		120.	532.
DISBURSEMENTS			
New Roof			481.
C. SCHOLARSHIP FUND			
INCOME			
Balance, May 1, 1960		1,029.	
Annual Income		500.	1,529.
DISBURSEMENTS			
Adult Education			335.
D. WELFARE OF GIRLS			
INCOME			
Balance, May 1, 1960		186.	
Grant - N.Y. Community Trust		440.	626.
DISBURSEMENTS			
Nursery			406.

September 20, 1961

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I have the announcement of your October meeting. I note that as usual you scheduled a meeting of the program advisory group which I presume, as usual, will not meet. At any rate, as usual, I will not be on hand, being committed to Mississippi on that date. You will please note, however, that I am sending my regrets. I expect to have this noted in the minutes, although it was not noted in the minutes of the April 8 meeting, even though I did send my regrets on that occasion.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Billing
Director of Field Activities

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PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

St. Helena Island — Frogmore, South Carolina

Courtney Siceloff
Director

October 17, 1961

Dear Paul:

Your sassy letter giving your so-called regrets at being unable to attend the forthcoming Program Advisory Committee meeting struck a telling blow. It arrived just after the Minutes had gone out (only about 5 months late) and a line had been left out of the paragraph about setting up some new bank accounts. This monstrous error nearly put some of our financial wizards in the hospital. We have recanted; we have apologized; we have repented. But things still look pretty grim, and were looking particularly so when your letter arrived saying that we had not put in your regrets. SIR! This is an affront!

I am now composing a particularly devastating statement for the next Minutes - which may go out in advance of the meeting, who knows - to the effect that "as usual, the so-called Mr. Rilling sent regrets."

Yrs. respectfully,

Elizabeth

The erstwhile secretary.

Paul - We didn't answer this. Should we?

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PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

ST. HELENA ISLAND

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

October 17, 1961

Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Olcutt Sanders, an old Texas friend who has worked for many years for the AFSC, sent me the enclosed data on his background in connection with the South Carolina Research Project. Since we don't have any money in sight for that project, and have an application from a man much more experienced in this line than Olcutt Sanders, I have indicated that I was passing this on to you.

I am wondering if you know of any openings either in the states or in your office there. I do know that Olcutt is a very effective person and would do an excellent job. As you will note, he set up the regional office of the AFSC in Texas, which was no little accomplishment where Quakers and their related testimonies have been little heard of.

I gather Peer Laursen was planning to spend the winter chez vous and hope you have a congenial threesome. If I can locate any other national or international travelers who would enjoy the extended southern hospitality, we will refer them to you.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

OLCUTT SANDERS, 255 N. Franklin St., Delaware, Ohio; telephone 362-6311.

PERSONAL: Born August 5, 1917, Fort Worth, Texas; married, 5 children (4-12 years old).

EDUCATION: B.A. with honors (social sciences emphasis), University of Texas, 1939. Graduate courses in sociology, 1946-48 (part time). National Training Laboratory in Group Development, Bethel, Maine, summer 1954. Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Kappa Delta (sociology honorary).

WORK EXPERIENCE: College secretary, American Friends Service Committee, 1939-41. Mostly in South. Speaking, counselling, recruiting for volunteer service; setting up peace caravans and work camps.

Civilian Public Service, 1941-45. Under Brethren Service Commission and American Friends Service Committee. Including two years directing rural community center, Luquillo, Puerto Rico, for children and adults of more than 300 families.

Southwest regional executive secretary, American Friends Service Committee, Austin, Texas, 1946-53. Initiated the regional office, organized projects in adult education (peace and social issues), intergroup relations, etc. Set up interracial meetings and projects in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Supervised staff of about 10 persons plus many volunteers. Responsible for fund raising. Directed a summer community service unit (work camp) in Mexico, 1947. On a six months' leave of absence in 1951 observed Quaker work in eight European countries, including three months as interim director of an AFSC neighborhood center in St. Nazaire, Loire Inf., France.

Director of Information Service, American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia, 1954-60. In charge of national and international public relations and interpretation. Supervised staff of 20-25 employees. Responsibilities of department included press and radio-TV relations; production of interpretive literature; organizing public report meetings, production and distribution of audio-visual materials; consultative visits to 12 regional offices; oversight of central mailing and duplicating department.

Associate director, Cooperative Recreation Service, Delaware, Ohio, 1960-present. In charge of promotion and development for international publisher of social recreation materials. Also conduct social recreation leadership training courses for youth-serving organizations.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE: Represented AFSC in planning meetings of National Conference on Social Welfare, 1954-60; chairman, Combined Associate Groups, NCSW, 1958. President, Philadelphia chapter, National Religious Publicity Council, 1958 and 1959; national convention chairman, 1960.

Served on staff of two one-week training laboratories in group development sponsored by Church of the Brethren, 1958 and 1959. Organized two one-week training courses in group development for peace education program of Middle Atlantic Regional Office, AFSC, 1959 and 1960. Conducted various one-day training programs for Religious Education Committee and Young Friends Movement, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends.

A founding board member, Powelton Village Development Associates, Inc., private integrated housing project in urban Philadelphia, 1958-60.

REFERENCES: Colin W. Bell, executive secretary, American Friends Service Committee, 160 N. 15th St., Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Lynn Rohrbough, director, Cooperative Recreation Service, Radnor Rd., Delaware, Ohio.

Others on request.

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December 28, 1961

Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

We have put our various heads together here on your needs for the Penn Centennial symposium and have the following thoughts for personnel: Eric Lincoln, Lenoir Chambers, Paul Green, LeRoy Collins, Marion Wright, Rufus Clement, James McBride Dabbs, John Wheeler, Herman Long, John Hope, Vann Woodward, Benjamin Muse, William Nicholls, Francis Pickens Miller, Frank Graham, Bell Wiley, Ralph McGill, Harry Ashmore, Eugene Patterson.

Les indicates that he would be available to participate. Good luck on the funds.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

ST. HELENA ISLAND

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

December 13, 1961
Dict. December 8

Dr. Leslie Dunbar
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, NW
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Les:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 22. I realize Board meetings are very demanding times for staff and that it wasn't a good time to speak to you about the matter I had in mind, which was a proposed symposium at Penn.

I am enclosing a sketch of what we would like to do in the fall, as one of the events celebrating the Penn Centennial. What I had in mind discussing with you, and I would like to raise the question, is a request for suggestions of persons who might be invited for this. First of all, we would very much like to have you speak. It is quite likely that Guy Johnson and his wife, Guion Johnson, will take part, and I have raised this matter with Dr. Benjamin Mays likewise.

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Since a primary purpose in this symposium would be to reach the ear of South Carolinians, I believe it is best to choose persons who may not be quite as controversial as others within the state. While the names of Adlai Stevenson, Chester Bowles, and Martin Luther King have been suggested, these persons have been under substantial fire by our local daily, the Charleston News & Courier. Perhaps you can be thinking of persons who could speak out clearly, yet expect to have some hearing within the South, particularly South Carolina. Obviously these people will not be easy to find.

We have not yet received funds for the project, so this is still in a very tentative state. However, we would like to compile potential speakers as early as possible.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney E.

Courtney Siceloff

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

St. Helena Island

Frogmore, South Carolina

In the year 1962 Penn Community Services, Inc. (successor to Penn Normal, Industrial and Agricultural School) will observe its 100th anniversary.

In the century which comes to its end there is much history -- the War Between the States, the abolition of slavery, the Reconstruction Era, the termination of the plantation system and the dramatic changes brought about by industry. More significant than all of this, though tied to all of it, has been the emergence of the Negro as full citizen.

Penn hopes to mark its Centennial by exercises which relate this rich past to the challenging present and the beckoning future.

The South is now observing on a massive scale the centennial of the Civil War. Without denigrating such exercises, which naturally focus attention upon feats of arms and martial virtues, Penn feels that there is room and need for presentation of another aspect of the South, one designed to appraise realistically triumphs and failures in peaceful pursuits and to point the path which the South should travel in the century which lies ahead.

Penn, engaged for a hundred years in educational and humanitarian activities, would hope to focus Southern attention

upon issues which constitute the moral equivalents of war. It would hope to turn Southern thought away from the provincial and inward to the universal and outward. It would use the historical only as an aid to the prophetic. It would seek to foster the conception of the South as a region, not separate and distinct, but having a place and function in a world setting.

Events in Africa and Asia have their impact here; events here have their impact abroad. On the course of events in the South may depend the future of mankind.

Penn, therefore, will use this centennial occasion to bring to its campus in a notably Southern state persons peculiarly qualified to inform the mind and stir the conscience of the South. They would participate in a symposium designed to strengthen the hand of those men and women here who seek to bring the region's practices and customs into harmony with its expressed ideals.

Invitees to participate would be men of the character and stature of Dr. Ralph Bunche, Dr. Frank Graham, Ralph McGill, Dr. Benjamin Mays and Adlai Stevenson. In addition there would be invited South Carolinians and other Southerners having special familiarity with problems of the region whose expressions would carry significant weight with Southern audiences.

The program divides itself naturally into three days of addresses and panel discussions. The caliber and reputation of those on the program, it is felt, will be such as to secure national attention, press and radio coverage.

The program would, logically, involve a surgey of Southern history only as an aid in determining by what means, what decisions as to policy the South reached its present estate. The mistakes of yesterday must be comprehended if we are to understand today.

The program would also focus attention on the present. The Southern states are day by day making choises between alternatives. They may cling to vestiges of segregation or they may freely admit Negro citizens into full participation in the processes of government, into all phases of community and public affairs. The cost, financial and social, of adherence to traditional attitudes should be realistically faced.

Above all, the future will have its place in the symposium. The traumas inflicted by today's discriminations will bear fruit in tomorrow's antagonisms. The South may aimlessly drift into the next century or it may move with conscious purpose. The guide lines must now be established.

In the formative years of the republic, the South occupied a position of leadership. That was sacrificed in part because of the region's defense of slavery, and more recently, slavery's offspring, segregation. The potential for leadership still exists. When obsessions with racial distinctions are overcome, leadership may be regained; if not leadership, at least full participation in national and world affairs.

In the next century the Negro contribution will have a significance not heretofore possible. The symposium Penn

proposes to conduct should reasonably speed the day when the Negro as full citizen gives his vast aid in solution of problems which perplex the region.

Attachment:
Proposed Budget

December, 1961

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PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

ST. HELENA ISLAND

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

January 3, 1962

Paul M. Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street NW
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Thanks so much for your December 28 letter with the suggested names for the symposium. This looks like a good group, and there are a number that we hadn't thought of. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Courtney Siceloff

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January 14, 1962

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Les has talked with Staige Blackford and me about your phone conversation of Friday concerning a second rural conference at Penn.

We all think the idea a sound one and will be happy to be of any possible help. Let us know if we can be of assistance at this point.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

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CORNELIUS A. WOOD, JR.
1018 DUPONT CIRCLE BUILDING
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

January 16, 1962

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

It was good of you to come in last Friday, and, as we agreed, I enclose the latest revised Directory of Trustees, Officers, and Program Advisors, Penn Community Services.

Since Penn's Nominating Committee will be meeting soon, I would be glad to have any ideas you may care to suggest for possible additions or substitutions in any of the categories described by the Directory.

My usual practice is to circulate a confidential memo to that Committee prior to its meeting, so that the session can be devoted primarily to conversation rather than to the review of ideas which can be better covered in advance in writing. The document includes the name, position, and address of each "candidate", and importantly a statement as to why he is believed to be worth consideration.

Any of your suggestions should, to be most useful, follow the above format and should reach me before the end of the month at the latest.

Please let me know whenever you are in Washington and have a little time.

Appreciatively yours,

Connie

Cornelius A. Wood, Jr.
Secretary Board of Trustees
Penn Community Services, Inc.

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Enclosure

SC - Penn

January 29, 1962

Mr. Cornelius Wood, Jr.
1018 DuPont Circle Building
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Possible suggestions for Savannah Board members of Penn Community Center would be:

(1) Captain Frank Spencer
Box 136
228 Bay Street
Savannah
(Owner, Atlantic Towing Company; businessman; former school board member.)

(2) Mrs. Spencer
(Civic and social leader.)

(3) Mrs. Arnett Waters
306 E. Park Avenue
Savannah
(Mrs. Waters is elderly, Negro, rather conservative, well-to-do. She is well established in the Savannah area and is anxious to give of her time to useful endeavors.)

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

SC - Penn.

January 30, 1962

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Concerning your memorandum of January 24 to the Program Advisory Committee, I would enjoy the Committee meeting at least once while I'm on it. I'm involved February 16 in our state staff meeting here. I probably could get to Penn for a February 17 meeting.

I am somewhat ambivalent concerning the suggestion that Penn sponsor conferences on such matters as juvenile delinquency, alcoholism, et cetera. Certainly such conferences could be useful and constructive, and it is always a good idea to get people together across racial lines to consider matters of common concern. I doubt, however, that any substantial number of persons, particularly white persons, would be attracted by such meetings who are not already reached by the Penn program. I would see such meetings as worth trying, but I would give them a lower priority than the meetings already coming to direct focus on matters of racial understanding and the elimination of discrimination, et cetera.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm
cc: Courtney Siceloff

MEMORANDUM

January 24, 1962

To: Members, Program Advisory Committee
Penn Community Services, Inc.

From: Marion A. Wright, Chairman
Board of Trustees

In connection with the approaching Annual Meeting of the Penn Board, to be held on March 24, we would like to have before us at that meeting your views on an important part of Penn's program.

As you are aware, much of our effort is now devoted to bringing together at Penn South Carolinians who have common concern about matters which affect the state's welfare. Such occasions provide the opportunity for exchange of views, enjoying the benefit of the thinking of informed persons from within or without the state, and the making of plans for social action.

For such conferences to serve their most valuable purpose they should, naturally, be devoted to areas neglected by other groups and areas where actual need for discussion exists. Our concern, therefore, is to determine what subjects are of primary interest and at the same time are not being adequately treated from the viewpoint of public consideration. In other words, there is no particular point in Penn's entering upon areas at present occupied by others who are well qualified.

The Board would therefore greatly appreciate your suggestions as to subjects which, in your view, may be beneficially ventilated at meetings of South Carolinians, with or without guidance from "experts" from beyond the state.

By way of illustration, it has been suggested that, among others, serious attention should be given by South Carolinians to such subjects as: juvenile delinquency -- its prevention and treatment; the problems of senior citizens; alcoholism, and improvement of the state's penal system.

We would like your views:

(1) on the value of conferences devoted to discussion of any or all of the four topics above enumerated;

(2) your suggestions as to agendae for such conferences;

(3) your suggestions as to persons who might act as leaders, discussants, and participants at such meetings.

We hope that you will not let your thinking be limited by our mention of these four particular fields. While your views as to them are sought, we also earnestly seek your views as to other topics which, in your thinking, may have equal or greater significance. It will be of great help to the Board and the administration to have constantly before it a continuing program of meetings concerned with every important phase of life in South Carolina.

Will you please write me at Penn Community Services, Frogmore, South Carolina, on or before February 5, 1962. From such letters we can reach some views as to the consensus of the Program Advisory Committee.

It is also our earnest hope that the Program Advisory Committee may be convened at Penn in advance of the Annual Meeting of the Board. This will permit discussion of different points of view which have developed in correspondence. So we would greatly appreciate your indicating in your letter whether or not you could attend, if it were called, a meeting of the Program Advisory Committee at Penn on February 16 or 17, 1962. Please indicate your preference as between these dates. If a sufficient number indicate their ability and willingness to attend, it is our purpose to arrange such a meeting. Penn will of course be glad to take care of travel expenses.

In addition to the matters touched upon in this letter, we do wish to express the hope that you will take every convenient occasion to write to me or Courtney Siceloff your suggestions for increasing the usefulness of Penn Community Services.

Thanking you, I am

Yours sincerely,

Marion A. Wright

Marion A. Wright
Chairman

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QUARTERLY REPORT

January 1962 Number 2

Pilot Project of Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, S.C.

Thomas C. Barnwell, Jr.
Field Worker
Pilot Project

Courtney P. Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services

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Dr. C. G. Gomillion, a native South Carolinian and chairman of the Department of Social Sciences at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, spent three days on St. Helena Island as a consultant to the Pilot Project program. Dr. Gomillion, one of the Penn consultants in 1960 who recommended that Penn undertake this pilot project, criss-crossed the county with the field director, interviewing persons in most of the communities in the county. Out of the discussion with Dr. Gomillion, the following plan was adopted:

1. Select several communities in different sections of Beaufort County with the view of doing intensive work, yet remaining in touch with the rest of the county.

2. These areas should be where there is the least resistence to be encountered and where there is the most likelihood for success.

3. Local residents should help in the selection of the communities.

COMMUNITIES SELECTED FOR STUDY ON ST. HELENA

It was decided that a community should be selected in the St. Helena - Lady's Island area, one in the area north of Beaufort, and another in the territory below Broad River in the Bluffton - Hilton Head section. It was decided to select a community first in the St. Helena - Lady's Island area, and get the project well underway before starting in the other two sections of the county.

The field director personally contacted persons in each section of St. Helena and Lady's Islands to come together to suggest the community where the intensive work was to begin and get their cooperation in the project. An unusually large attendance resulted at the meeting. After a thorough discussion, the group suggested the Coffins Point and Eddings Point communities.

COFFINS POINT

Coffins Point is a deprived community of about 22 families. The nearly 100 persons range from school age through the working group to the very old. Most of the homes have no privies or other sanitary facilities. The chief employment is shrimp fishing from

March to November and when the season closes the fishermen have no work. Very few persons are registered to vote in Coffins Point.

EDDINGS POINT

The Eddings Point community is quite different from Coffins Point. Most of the residents have federal and county jobs. Here also is the largest Negro farmer on St. Helena Island. The people of Eddings Point have desire and ambition as shown in their project to rebuild their old school house as a community center, but the problem is to finance it. The community has shown much interest in the Pilot Project.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN PILOT PROJECT

The second quarter of the Pilot Project has started with a series of films on "The Problem of Round Worms" and "The Construction of Sanitary Pit Privies." They were shown in Burton, Sheldon, Bluffton and Hilton Head and were a factor that brought this group closer together to look at the needs of their communities. Through the showing of the film by the Civic Activities Committee of Burton Community, two persons constructed sanitary pit privies. Carpenters, school boys and farmers gave their time and labor to the privy construction. Costs of materials ranged from $59 where everything was purchased to $15 where the owner supplied some used lumber. While the cost factor has delayed some construction, others in the county are making plans to build.

The Burton Committee is planning the building of school bus shelters in their community. While some communities have shown indifference to the project, others have been active, such as the young people raising money through raffles for the Sheldon Community Center. The privy construction gave students the opportunity to exercise their skills in carpentry and masonry.

DAUFUSKIE ISLAND

A three-day trip was made to Daufuskie Island, a remote and rather inaccessible island at the far southern part of Beaufort County. The only regular transportation is the hour boatride on the thrice weekly mail run and a summer excursion boat. The few persons there with regular income work in Savannah on dredges or do crab fishing in season. Most residents are either very young or old. The elderly live mostly on Old Age compensation. There is practically no farming either for home consumption or as cash crops because of inadequate transportation to marketing areas. The able-bodied are forced to leave the island to earn their livelihood. Only two electric water pumps are in use in Negro homes, with one home having inside plumbing.

The families of Daufuskie hope for better jobs and transportation.

CONFERENCES

A statewide voter registration clinic was held at Penn Center, December 1 - 3, with Mr. John Brooks, director of Voter Registration for the national office of the NAACP, serving as consultant. Plans were made for carrying out a statewide program through six clinics in different sections of the state to be held subsequently. A number of Beaufort county residents participated in the seminar.

Penn's Microbus carried eight persons to a merit employment workshop in Columbia, sponsored by the S. C. Council of Human Relations. Dr. Vivian Henderson, Fisk University economist, and John I. Binkley of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity were consultants.

At the recommendation of Dr. Gomillion, the field director attended the Southern Conference of Professional Agricultural Workers at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, in early December. There were discussions on leadership and manpower in agriculture, the effects of nuclear power, automation, and employment opportunities. Great interest was shown in the problems of young farmers migrating from farms and in the improving of inadequate farms.

The role of the USDA Rural Areas Development Services in stimulating economic growth was discussed. The RAD director, Dr. A. T. Mace pointed out that more than 75% of all farm families had incomes under $5000 in 1959, and that his agency would assure "assistance to local initiative, leadership and coordinated action in meeting the economic needs of rural areas." It is expected that Penn will be working with this program in the future, since Beaufort is one of the counties eligible for this aid.

At the end of six months it can be said that persons in most of the communities are more aware of conditions in their own area that need to be worked on cooperatively. In several places, individuals and groups have already undertaken specific projects. It is expected that this will be increased, with more intensive effort being put into the St. Helena communities.

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Data Concerning Operation of Project
Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 1961

Trips out of county	5	Mileage	
Meetings attended	28	In Beaufort County	5,891
Persons individually contacted	601	Outside county	1,389
		TOTAL	7,280

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February 1, 1962

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I very much appreciate your taking time to send me the suggestions in your letter of 29 January, and I will see that the names are circulated to the other members of Penn's Nominating Committee.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Cornelius A. Wood, Jr.
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Cornelius A. Wood, Jr.
Chairman Nom. Committee
Penn Community Services

CAW/rc
Dictated by Mr. Wood and signed in his absence

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PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

ST. HELENA ISLAND

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

February 5, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
5 Forsythe Street, NW
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I understand you have heard from Alice Spearman concerning the program to be held at the joint meeting of the Beaufort-Jasper Council on February 20. My letter concerns merely the transportation aspect.

The two planes from Atlanta that would seem to get you here on time for that meeting would be those leaving at 11:30 A.M. and 1:15 P.M. We can plan to meet either of those, bring you here to Penn, and then have you go from here to the meeting in Ridgeland which is scheduled at 7:30. need to leave here by 6:30

I understand Alice Spearman expects to attend that meeting likewise, take you from there to Denmark for your meeting the next day. If this doesn't work out, we could put you on a bus with a terrible schedule leaving Beaufort at 9:40 A.M. and not getting to Denmark until 3:03 P.M. Please bring plenty of reading matter.

As I mentioned over the phone, if we do have the advisory committee meeting on the 16 or 17 we would be glad to have you come and stay over until your meeting in Ridgeland. Actually we would be glad to have you come a day ahead anyway, If you and your wife care to do so. Look forward to seeing you.

Best Regards,

Courtney Siceloff

6:20

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cc - Mrs. Alice Spearman

Mr. Joe Orr

2:49

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February 8, 1962

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Naturally, I will take the 1:15 P.M. plane, and I look forward to seeing you. If the advisory committee meeting develops for the 17th I will re-examine these arrangements.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of
Field Activities

PR:mm

SC Penn Comm

February 8, 1962

Mr. Marion Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion Wright:

Enclosed are three responses we have had to your letter to the Advisory Committee. One of these, Dr. Aull, cannot come which will leave only Paul Rilling and Mrs. Bailey to attend. Since your letter specified wanting to hear by February 5, I presume we have heard from all of those who would be answering. I presume a meeting would not be called for this group, and am enclosing a letter to Mr. Rilling and Mrs. Bailey. However, if you care to proceed with the conference, they can be notified directly.

With best regards,

Courtney Siceloff

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cc - Mrs. E. G. Bailey
Mr. Paul Rilling ✓

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February 12, 1962

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I like the word "ambivalent" which you use as describing your attitude about the possible meeting of our Advisory Committee. Anyhow you are not hostile.

Here is my reasoning about having the Advisory Committee discuss and make recommendations on the several items mentioned in my form letter:

The excellent personnel of that Committee contains members who, I am sure, are not prepared to go as far or as fast in the field of race relations as you and I are. They may entertain misgivings about some of our activities. They would not have misgivings, I am sure, about activity in the fields of juvenile delinquency, alcoholism, care of elderly citizens and other matters touched upon in my letter. I think that all of them would welcome the opportunity to function in such areas.

The items enumerated cut across racial lines. I believe we should demonstrate, wherever possible, that our concern is not exclusively with racial matters. If the Committee could meet two or three times on subjects having no controversial aspects, we could retain the interest of the members and perhaps move them by degrees on the areas about which they are now a little fearful.

Also, it seems to me that there is some abrasion of sensibilities if all of our meetings are focused upon a touchy issue.

I fully realize that the vital matter is improvement of race relationship. I think that this Oriental approach is one suited to temperaments of members of the Advisory Committee.

I will get with Courtney in a day or so and determine whether or not it is possible to get the Committee together. I hope very much that we can do so and that you will grace the occasion with your presence.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Marion

M. A. Wright

MAW:mg
cc: Courtney Siceloff

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MEMORANDUM

Linville Falls, N. C.
March 5, 1962

TO: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: M. A. WRIGHT, CHAIRMAN

Some weeks ago Courtney Siceloff was approached by the Commission on Civil Rights in Washington with a view to learn whether or not he would be available to act in certain Southeastern states as a consultant to State Advisory Committees to the Commission on Civil Rights. Before giving a reply, Courtney very properly, took the question up with Mr. Clement and myself as members of the Personnel Committee. We agreed upon the understanding that the time required for services in the capacity of Consultant would not exceed four or five days a month.

I am happy to inform you that Courtney has now received official notification of his appointment to this new role. The compensation, which is on a per diem basis, seems adequate and the duties involved will not detract from his usefulness to Penn.

I wanted to give you this information since I am sure you will share the pride felt by Mr. Clement and myself that our Director has received this significant evidence of appreciation of his qualifications. I may, at the same time, remind you that, since he joined our staff he has been President of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, member of the Southern Regional Council and Secretary of the South Carolina Advisory Committee to the Commission on Civil Rights.

All of these connections bring him in contact with the better spirits of the South and add to his prestige in the civil rights field. Indirectly Penn benefits materially from all such contacts.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

Marion A. Wright
Chairman

MAW:mg

MEMORANDUM

Linville Falls, N. C.
March 5, 1962

To: The Members of the Program Advisory Committee

FROM: Marion A. Wright, Chairman

I regret that it seems difficult to arrange a suitable date for a meeting with the Advisory Board, as suggested in my letter of January 24th. We are still hopeful that such a meeting with full attendance may be possible in the near future.

Meanwhile, Dr. George Aull has suggested the following topics as being appropriate for possible conferences to be held at Penn:

1. Getting ahead economically.

2. How not to be a good citizen.

3. What do we want for our schools?

4. What I ought to know about social security, retirement, etc.

5. Types of insurance and small loans.

All of these topics reflect Dr. Aull's practical and realistic approach to matters of concern to all citizens.

His suggestions, plus those which I made in my letter of January 24th (juvenile delinquency - its prevention and treatment; the problems of senior citizens; alcoholism, and improvement of the state's penal system) have the virtue of cutting across racial lines and bringing South Carolineans of both races together in a consideration of topics which have no emotional undertones. My own feeling is that it is important for us to acquire experience in racially cooperative matters as to which disagreement, if any, would arise only from methods and procedures. Experience gained from mutual effort in fields on which all of us agree might ultimately produce agreement in fields upon which there may now be mild disagreement.

As a starter, will each of you be good enough to write me your impressions of the wisdom of attempting to hold at Penn conferences on these subjects, together with your suggestions as to leaders of such discussions and invitees to such conferences.

Such letters are admittedly an unsatisfactory substitute for a meeting of the Advisory Board but they may serve as a guide to Penn's future activities and lay the foundation for a later meeting of the Advisory Board.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright

MAW:mg

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March 16, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

The Nominating Committee of our Board has asked me to approach you to ask if they may put your name before the Board of Trustees as a candidate for membership on the Board, at the forthcoming Annual Meeting on March 24.

As a long-standing member of the Program Advisory Committee, I believe you have become familiar with the aims and program of Penn. Actually, what the Nominating Committee is suggesting is that you retain membership on the Program Advisory Committee, along with membership on the Board, functioning as a sort of liaison person between the two groups. I think you could provide a valuable service in this way. Of course you have been extremely valuable to us already, and we appreciate it.

Because of the close timing (and I am sorry not to have been able to write you earlier about this) I will appreciate a prompt response from you. I'm enclosing a return envelope -- or, if you prefer, would be glad to have you call collect about this.

The present membership of the Board of Trustees is shown on this letterhead. You probably know enough of them to realize that you would be in good company. I do hope that you will accept this nomination.

Sincerely,

Courtney Siceloff

P.S. Hope you'll come & bring the wife!

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March 20, 1962

Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I very much appreciate the honor of being considered for membership on the Board of Penn Community Services, but I really do not think it would be wise for me to accept. You already have a strong SRC flavor among your Board members and I have always felt it a questionable practice, personally speaking, for professionals to serve on boards of organizations carrying on similar work.

I am, of course, happy to consult and assist from time to time as I can be of service. And this, I think, is the most proper role for me to play.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

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MEMORANDUM

Frogmore, S. C.
May 18, 1962

To: Board of Trustees
Program Advisory Committee

From: Courtney Siceloff

Enclosed is the revised Directory of Trustees and Program Advisory Committee members.

We have just had the following news in a letter from Mrs. Frank Cope:

> "...Frank is fast losing ground. The past month has been a poor one and he is now very weak...The doctor feels we have lost the battle. Probably the malignancy is at work... I can't be too thankful that he has no pain and looks comfortable. I am so happy that we can have him at home and have good nurses...Please tell everyone that Frank talks and thinks of you all..."

We knew that you would be interested to have this report. It seems also fitting to reproduce here Frank Cope's message for the spring Centennial celebration, "to all my friends at Penn Community Center:"

> As there is now no possibility of my moving further from home, I want to express the deep regret I feel in not being able to attend this unique celebration of Penn's 100th Anniversary. To one who has watched the remarkable growth of the old Penn School for over forty years under the leadership of Miss Cooley and Miss House and their loyal and talented band of teachers, I can only marvel at the transformation that has come over this island community. Therefore it is the more gratifying to see the continual progress in community services which is now taking place under our new and able directors, Courtney and Elizabeth Siceloff. More power to them and their able band of co-workers.
>
> I want to express my congratulations especially to the present Board of Directors for chartering the course of Penn's future under an enlightened policy of racial cooperation. I can hardly imagine a better way of expressing the deepest hopes of both the old and the new Penn.
>
> Finally, as I look in imagination at the faces before me, I must tell you all again how much your friendship has always meant to me, and to wish you every blessing now and in the years to come.
>
> --Francis R. Cope, Jr. (March 20, 1962)

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Frogmore, S.C.

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as of May 15, 1962

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M E M O R A N D U M

Frogmore, S. C.
June 18, 1962

To: Board of Trustees
Program Advisory Committee
Penn Community Services, Inc.

From: Courtney Siceloff

The Executive Committee has set the Annual Meeting for the Penn Board of Trustees for April 5 and 6, 1963 here at Penn Center. The Advisory Board members are always extended an invitation to this meeting. It is hoped that calendars will be marked and plans laid for attending that meeting.

Enclosed is a brochure on Community Devolopment issued by Agency for International Development. This is one of the best brochures that I have seen on the subject and outlines what we conceive the pilot project to be. We feel that this brochure may be of help in understanding the aims of the program and perhaps enable you to set up guide lines as to whether this is being accomplished.

A meeting is scheduled later this month with Mrs. James Dabbs, Mrs. Julia Abrahamson and Dr. Floyd Moore at Celo, North Carolina to consider a draft of the proposed historical bulletin being written by Mrs. Dabbs. I will be attending this meeting also.

Mr. Alex Morisey, of the American Friends Service Committee, spent several days at Penn, gathering material for the publicity brochure to be issued in early September. He has already submitted an attractive tentative layout.

The conference season is in full swing with the Leadership Conference for Student Council leaders from all over South Carolina currently in session, to be followed by the first institute of midwives on Monday.

With best regards,

Courtney Siceloff

Courtney Siceloff

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

ST. HELENA ISLAND

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

July 3, 1962

To: Board of Trustees
Program Advisory Committee

From: Courtney Siceloff

Dear Friend:

Attached is a copy of Tom Barnwell's quarterly report. This represents the completion of his first year with Penn. The personal relationship with many Beaufort County leaders and their confidence in him attest to his skill, persistence and genuine concern.

We have just completed arrangements for Tom Barnwell to have this summer what promises to be a very useful training experience. He will participate in the Laboratory in Community Leadership Training to be held July 8-20 at Gould Academy, Bethel, Maine. This is sponsored by the National Education Association. Dr. Louis Minidier, Chief of the Community Development Division of the Agency for International Development, recommends this Laboratory as the best training available for a person in a position such as Tom holds. Mrs. Barnwell will accompany him to Bethel.

You have received by now a copy of the Whetstone, publication of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. We have already had appreciative responses from several trustees to the splendid article prepared by Mrs. Wade, director of public relations for North Carolina Mutual. You may wish to express appreciation to Mr. Asa Spaulding, president, N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, Box 201, Durham, North Carolina. All of us owe a debt of thanks to Mr. Spaulding, Mrs. Wade and to our treasurer, Mr. Clement. Marion Wright and others have already made suggestions as to ways in which this article may be used in our public relations efforts, and we will be glad for any further ideas.

CS

P.S. (July 9): This memorandum has been held up for duplication of the Pilot Project report. News has just been received of the death on July 8 of Francis R. Cope, Jr., of Dimock, Pennsylvania. One of the first Trustees of Penn School, Frank Cope was a Board member for half a century and chairman of the Board for 22 years. I will take the St. Helena Quartet to sing at the services, to be held on Wednesday, July 11, at 2:30 P.M. -- C.S.

QUARTERLY REPORT

June 1962 Number 4

PILOT PROJECT OF PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, S.C.

Thomas C. Barnwell, Jr.
Field Director
Pilot Project

Courtney P. Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services

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REVIEW OF FIRST YEAR

After one year of work, one gets to see the problems of the county. One community activities group was organized in Burton to discuss community problems. Many persons from the Home Missionary Society attended these meetings, and as the projects developed more people in the community joined the group.

In Burton Community the Field Director attended different churches, talking to individuals in their homes and on their farms, and attending small meetings, before the group decided to start a project. Through the efforts of this group two sanitary pit privies and a shelter for a school bus stop have been built by men in the community. The work was done on late afternoons and on Saturdays. During the day the person for whom the privy was being built and the Field Director spent a great deal of time locating materials. The Pilot Project provided transportation.

In Beaufort County six persons obtained registration certificates, made possible by constant visits to people without certificates. Instruction in the use of registration blanks, filling them out, and transportation to the registrar, were provided. An effort was made to publicize in the county the Southeast NAACP Youth Retreat held at Penn Center last summer. Two of the three Youth Councils then organized are still functioning.

I. PROJECTS ON ST. HELENA

During the last quarter four persons obtained registration certificates to vote from Coffins Point Community. These persons acquired their registration certificates with the direct assistance of the Pilot Project which provided transportation and familiarized registrants with application blanks.

A number of persons in the community are interested in registering but cannot read and write sufficiently to become registered. Persons have been encouraged to attend the Dorchester Community Center leadership training workshop sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. It is expected that one or more persons from the county will attend the next class in August.

A. Coffins Point

The Holmes family in Coffins Point has completed the construction of its sanitary pit privy with the assistance of neighbors and high school students. Mr.

Holmes works on a shrimp boat during the season, and farms.

A series of films were shown in Coffins Point. The subjects were: The Problem of Intestinal Worms, Construction of a Sanitary Pit Privy, The Needs of the Adolescent, and Organization of a Discussion Group. These were subjects of interest expressed by residents of the area.

A Coffins Point farmer was given close guidance to prevent foreclosure of his home. He was behind on payments on a loan obtained through an attorney and a bank. His supplementary income was cut off when the shrimp season closed. Working on the privy not only demonstrated cooperation on a community project but also enabled residents to know the Field Director better. It was here that Mr. Holmes mentioned his loan difficulties. He met with the finance committee of the local group which made it possible to pay off the old loan and assume a new one at a lower interest. The Pilot Project provided transportation throughout the process.

The shrimp fishermen of this community are increasingly interested in owning shrimp boats rather than merely working on them. This is an area of interest for which the Small Business Administration may be able to provide loans. The fishermen feel concern also over farm marketing practices and sanitation.

B. Mary Jenkins Community

One wall of the Mary Jenkins community center building has been raised by men in the community, who agreed to hire a skilled person to do the framing. The group met regularly prior to the tomato and cucumber harvesting season. Mary Jenkins is one of the largest farming communities in the county. The season starts in March with planting and normally continues to early July. Heavy rains have seriously damaged the tomato crop. This loss of income has been a great handicap for the growers of Beaufort County. The Mary Jenkins residents have had many food sale parties to help raise money for nails and other materials for their building. Several men of the community met regularly on Saturday to draw nails out of old wood and start construction. The Field Director encouraged and assisted in this work and made a constant effort to influence other persons to participate.

II. OTHER COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTY

Burton community has worked on one school bus stop shelter, the first of several planned. The materials were purchased from money raised by regular food sales. The ladies were in charge of food and sales, and the men did the physical work. The group was able to purchase used tin, the Field Director making the purchase as all the able men in the community were out during the day. The Penn Microbus was used to haul most of the material.

The residents of the Sheldon community have been largely occupied with truck farming, particularly tomatoes and cucumbers, and had little time for meetings. They hope to begin renovation of their community building soon. They have had several meetings and planned events to raise funds for this purpose.

III. HOME BEAUTIFICATION

In several communities in the county assistance has been given on home

beautification. Penn's chain saw, operated by the Field Director, has helped to move a number of trees that had fallen during Hurricane Gracie in 1959.

IV. VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

A number of high school graduates on St. Helena and Lady's Island were interviewed and found to have no definite plans for employment or school, some having financial difficulties. Many said the armed services were the only answer. Most wanted to go into a trade. The Field Director took several to Denmark, S.C., to visit the South Carolina Area Trade School and Voorhees Junior College. Students were also taken to the campuses of S.C.State and Claflin Colleges in Orangeburg. A total of six students made the trips. After talking to some of the teachers in the Denmark schools the students became very interested, and two of them have already been accepted.

V. EMPLOYMENT

Information was distributed regarding Civil Service jobs to people likely to qualify for them. Civil Service jobs were posted on the Frogmore bulletin board. Assistance was given one young man filing for Automobile Maintenance Helper in Civil Service. Assistance was given high school students to seek summer employment at military installations without success. Few job opportunities of any kind are available in this area.

VI. TRAINING LABORATORY

On July 8-20 the Field Director, accompanied by his wife, will attend a Laboratory in Community Leadership Training, sponsored by the National Education Association, at Gould Academy, Bethel, Maine. This workshop was recommended by consultants in community development as providing techniques for community action.

VII. VISITORS

Extensive observations were made of the Pilot Project by the following persons during the past quarter: Dr. and Mrs. Nils Baehrentz, Stockholm, Sweden, and Miss Winifred Wilson, Southern Rhodesia, both sponsored by the cultural exchange program of the U.S.State Department; Mr. William Clement, Penn Trustee, Durham, N.C.; Miss Annie E. McGleughlin, Penn financial secretary, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania; Mr. Alex Morisey, Director of Publicity, AFSC, Philadelphia; Mr. Wilbur Lew, Friends Suburban Housing, Philadelphia.

VIII. VOTER REGISTRATION

Beaufort County adults and students were carried by the Field Director to a statewide voter registration workshop in Columbia, S.C., part of the Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council. Beaufort County is one of the four counties in South Carolina where the NAACP will carry on a registration drive under this project.

The Beaufort County Negro population is sufficiently large, so that their vote is crucial to the election of candidates. This factor was evidenced in the

Democratic primaries just finished. With an almost unprecedented scramble for the elective positions, candidates eagerly sought Negro support.

This places tremendous importance on the education of the Negro vote. As in many other areas in the state and region, more emphasis has been placed on getting Negroes registered than on helping them use wisely this newly acquired right. Many county residents need to be stimulated to follow candidates' platforms, to study the political conditions of their area, and encourage rising new civic leaders.

Future workshops are expected to be held on voter education by Penn in cooperation with other community organizations.

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New persons interviewed: 71

Community meetings attended: 14

Mileage in Beaufort County: 4,430

Mileage out of the County: 1,002

Total mileage: 5,432

Trips out of the county: 6

August 29, 1962

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Center
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

We have been asked to help the International Voluntary Service explore possible work camp sites for several of their projects next summer. I understand they had a project at Frogmore. Would you let me know your opinion of the outfit, et cetera?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

PR - pls reply ✓ Done

send attached w/ 1 to 2 each.

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

9/27/62

Dear Les —

Have just come across again the SRC brochure — Unequal Badge — Negro Policemen in the South.

It occurs to me that chairmen of the State advisory Committees in the South would find this helpful. South Carolina + Florida are currently making surveys in cities in which police power has been a subject of questioning.

What's the procedure? Is this a service of SRC for distribution or should they be purchased? If the former, would you prefer to send out or for me to send along? There are 9 states in the area of serve plus 1 for the SAC - (State Advisory Committee) section of the Commission.

Will see you on Saturday.

Cordially

Hope

October 2, 1962

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

We are sending out copies of "The Unequal Badge" to chairman of state advisory committees in the South as you suggested. I am enclosing one for the state advisory section of the Commission.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

INTEROFFICE MEMO

Date October 16, 1962

To: LWD From: PR

Subject: Attached material.

In answer to the questions Courtney raises:

1. I would still favor an effort to cover the state in a belief that state-wide findings would be of value and are probably no harder to get.

2. I do not like the idea of their using a graduate student supervised by "a well-known research person on a part-time basis." I think they sould get a full time research student and perhaps limit the project to one or two years. I don't think it's so important that the person be well known. He should be competent.

Its seens to me that the budget could be reworked somewhat more satisfactorily and we can go into that if you wnat to.

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

ST. HELENA ISLAND

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

PR - I gave some comments on this verbally to Courtney while in S.C. Have you any suggestions?

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

September 26, 1962

Dr. Leslie Dunbar
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Les:

I think you may be aware that for about the last two years Penn has been trying to peddle a State research program in South Carolina among various foundations. We have had them nibble and then we thought a good bite but so far the project is still gathering dust. One thing that we do realize is that it will take some considerable revision if we are ever to get it off the ground.

I am enclosing a copy of the proposal which we made to the Edgar Stern Foundation and were turned down. They had expressed considerable interest in this and I carried on some conversations through letters and phone with Philip Stern on his initiative, after discussing this with Mrs. Miller. The total budget was $75,000 of which the Russell Sage Foundation has pretty definitely committed themselves for the salary of $5,000 to $6,000 on a three-year period.

Since SRC has been involved in a number of research projects it would be very helpful to get some generalized recommendations as to the scope and budget of a South Carolina Research project.

Some of the questions I have in mind are:

1. Size of the endeavor. Should we plan to cover the entire state and gather statistics on this, or is it better to concentrate on a much smaller area as one or two cities?

2. Budget and personnel. I believe we can count on $6,000 a year from Russell Sage as a salary for a research person. Above that I am not certain what it would be. I have a feeling that we could not get more than $5,000 or $10,000 out of Stern, and perhaps one or two thousands from other foundations. Thus in your opinion, would you feel it better to use a full-time research student, probably with a doctorate with not much experience, to devote full time in gathering data over a two to three year period, or would it be better to limit the project to perhaps two years, and likewise try to employ some well-known research person who might do this on a part-time or

semester basis to direct the work of a full-time graduate student?

I am enclosing a budget for the $75,000 project as well as budget which shows two alternatives, neither of which I am sure is practical. The balance of $28,000 of Alternate one, and $34,000 of Alternate two, both seem a lot of money to try to raise, particularly in view of the lack of success we have had already in this project.

I have just learned that you will be in Columbia for the annual meeting of the Council on Human Relations. I am not sure that we will have time to discuss it at that time. If not, I will telephone you to get some of your ideas.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Courtney Siceloff

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Enclosure

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

St. Helena Island

Frogmore, South Carolina

Proposal for a Grant for a
South Carolina Research Program

Penn Community Services, Inc. requests the Edgar Stern Family Fund for a grant of $57,000 to support a three-year comprehensive research and publications program in South Carolina. This may be described as an action program to produce changes in South Carolina.

ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL

Two years ago Penn convened fifteen consultants, specialists in economics, sociology and human relations from across the nation, to consider the best methods of producing change in a rural Southern state such as South Carolina. The group unanimously recommended a state-wide staffed research and publication project. While limited to one state -- South Carolina -- the findings and results of the project would, it was felt, have significant influence in similar states, particularly Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

The recommendation concerning the research project is found on page 4, and names of the regional consultants appear at the end, on page IV, of their report entitled HUMAN RELATIONS PROGRAMMING IN SOUTH CAROLINA. See Attachment 6.

Subsequently an advisory committee of South Carolinians was set up to develop plans for the project. This group includes:

Dr. H. V. Manning, President, Claflin College, Orangeburg
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Mr. Alger Fowler, Business Manager, Plumbers and Steamfitters, Local Union 227
Dr. Samuel M. Derrick, School of Business Administration, University of South Carolina, Columbia
Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Secretary, S. C. Council on Human Relations, Columbia
Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Director, Penn Community Services, Inc. Frogmore

REASONS FOR CHOOSING SOUTH CAROLINA

It is apparent that changes will have to come to South Carolina. So that the transition would be orderly and comprehensive, avoiding a violent reaction that would cripple public institutions and increase animosity between the races, the consultants and advisory committee felt that the proposed project would provide the goals, framework and techniques to effect as complete a change as possible.

The following points tend to make feasible the research program:

1. South Carolina ranks at or near the bottom of the 50 states in literacy, draft rejectees, and expenditure per pupil in the schools.

2. South Carolina is one of three states without public school desegregation on any level.

3. None of the state's colleges and universities, public or private, has undertaken comprehensive research into human relations problems.

4. The state policy has been "accommodation" as opposed to violent defiance of the Federal Government and intimidation of agencies seeking change. For example, while officials say the state will not desegregate, the legislature has removed the words in appropriation bills stipulating "for segregated use only."

5. Changes moving rapidly in the South toward desegregation and compliance with court orders are:

   a. Federal courts are striking down evasive measures within hours that have previously delayed desegregation for years.

   b. The executive branch of the Federal Government is more aggressive in the area of civil rights; facts are needed as to how federal funds and practices are in violation of regulations before federal action can be initiated.

6. A Southwide voter registration drive is to be initiated within a few weeks. South Carolina, with a large Negro population and few restrictions on registration, might well see an increasing and informed Negro electorate concentrate on improving conditions in the state.

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METHOD TO BE EMPLOYED

The consultants recommended that the research be based at a private South Carolina college. (Publicly supported colleges are hindered by the state's segregation laws and practices.) Accordingly, Claflin College, a Methodist institution in Orangeburg, South Carolina, has been selected and has agreed to serve. This accredited institution has a biracial faculty, with well qualified professors who would cooperate with the research director. The institution is known for its independent position on human rights issues. See Attachment 5.

The director, in conjunction with the advisory committee, would determine the fields to be explored and priorities with which they would receive attention. Rather than simultaneous across-the-board research in all fields, priority would be given to those areas where change could easily be brought about.

Areas into which research would be launched would include federal aid, educational facilities, Negro employment, health and welfare services, library facilities, public recreational facilities, and official Negro representation.

The research and publication project would not be left entirely to the director. A number of organizations have already indicated their interest in participating in the research. The list includes: the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, Palmetto Education Association, Parent-Teachers Association, Negro Women's Clubs, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. A number of colleges -- Negro and white -- have agreed to cooperate in this project.

One job of the director will be to correlate results of research already undertaken in specialized areas. This would include work by certain departments of the University of South Carolina; Research and Development Board of South Carolina; studies authorized by the South Carolina legislature at Clemson College and University of South Carolina concerning population changes and its meaning for economic planning; and studies conducted by the South Carolina Advisory Committee to the Commission on Civil Rights.

Publication of the findings, at intervals during the project and at its completion, is essential. The consultants stated (page 4):

> There is a need to learn the present facts concerning conditions in South Carolina. There is an even greater need to disseminate these facts in such a way that they begin to have some impact on political and civic leadership and on public opinion in general.

DIRECTOR

After receiving the applications of a dozen men and women for the position of research director, the advisory committee for the Research Project has selected Dr. Theo L. Vaughan. Dr. Vaughan, a native South Carolinian who attended the public schools of the state, including Clemson College, worked sixteen years in the state with Clemson College and the Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. With a doctoral degree in rural sociology, Dr. Vaughan has directed research and community development programs in the United States, Latin America and the Middle East. The point cannot be overemphasized of the value of a director having his roots, education, experience and invaluable contacts within South Carolina. A statement of biographical data on Dr. Vaughan appears as Attachment 2.

BUDGET

The budget (Attachment 1) contemplates a three-year project. The budget includes only what is considered essential. Claflin College will provide office space and some furniture, rent-free. Penn, in disbursing the money and assuming responsibility for the satisfactory completion of the project, includes no administrative allocation. It is anticipated that volunteers will contribute freely of their time and energy in the development of the project.

CONCLUSION

All preliminary steps have been taken for launching the research and publication project. The realization of this program, and the potential changes in South Carolina, await only financial support.

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

By _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees

By _____
Director

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Budget
2. Biographical Data - Dr. Theo L. Vaughan
3. Copy of tax-exemption letter, Penn Community Services, Inc.
4. Letters of support for project.
5. Excerpts from Claflin College Catalog.
6. Consultants' Report, HUMAN RELATIONS PROGRAMMING IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

BUDGET FOR SOUTH CAROLINA RESEARCH PROJECT

ANNUAL COST

Salary - Director	$10,000
Salary - Administrative Asst.	6,000
Salary - Secretary	3,000
Travel	1,200
Telephone, Postage and Supplies	800
Travel and expenses for Research Volunteers	2,000
total	$23,000
Cost for 3 years	$69,000

Non-recurring Costs

Automobile	$2,000
Office equipment, printing and distribution of reports	4,000
grand total	$75,000

18,000.00

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE RESEARCH PROGRAM

CURRENT PLAN -

Salaries:

1 director	@	$10,000		
1 assistant	@	6,000		
1 secretary	@	3,000	$19,000	
Travel, supplies, utilities			4,000	
			$ 23,000	annually
three years			$ 69,000	
Non-recurring - auto, office equipment, printing			6,000	
			$ 75,000	

ALTERNATE #1 - Three-year Project

Salaries:			
Full-time director - (Behavioral scientist graduate student (probably with Ph.D.)	6,000		
Secretary	3,000	9,000	
Travel, supplies, utilities		4,500	
		13,500	annually
three years		40,500	
Non-recurring costs:			
Auto, office equipment, printing		6,000	
		46,500	
Less Russell Sage Grant		18,000	
Balance to be raised		$28,500	

ALTERNATE #2 - Two-year Project

Salaries:			
Director - Part-time	6,000		
Full-time assistant	6,000		
Secretary	3,000	15,000	
Travel, supplies, utilities		5,250	
		20,250	annually
two years		40,500	
None-recurring costs (same as above)		6,000	
		46,500	
Less Russell Sage Grant		~~18,000~~ 18,000	
Balance to be Raised		~~$ 28,500~~ $4,500	

QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1962 Number 5

PILOT PROJECT OF PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, S. C.

Thomas C. Barnwell, Jr.
Field Director
Pilot Project

Courtney P. Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services

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COMMUNITIES ON ST. HELENA

Coffins Point

The first general meeting of the community to discuss needs of the area was held recently. There were thirty-five persons present at this meeting, a large proportion of the residents. The meeting was called to discuss community up-building, and designate a project. Among these persons were high school students as well as adults. The group discussed the construction of school bus stop shelters, cleaning of the cemetery, and remodeling of the Praise House that would be used as a meeting place for Sunday School and as a community center. They decided to renovate and expand the prayer house. This would serve one of the needs in the community - that of a place for young people to meet. There has been a great amount of time spent in the community talking with individuals, encouraging and assisting them in filling out registration application blanks. These efforts resulted in four persons getting their registration certificates from this community during the quarter.

Mary Jenkins

The men in this community have started back to work on the Community Center building. Each Saturday five or six of the men meet early and usually work until after noon. The four sides have been framed. The St. Helena High School Shop instructor was very helpful in sawing materials for the building. There were many food sale parties to raise funds for the Center building.

Two ladies from the community attended a Home Protection Care course that was held at the County Health Department. Also there were two ladies from this community to attend a one day workshop in Dorchester, Georgia.

OTHER COMMUNITIES:

Burton

The Burton community activities council has completed the second of two school bus shelters. Twelve men in the community decided to do the work on Labor Day and it was the largest turn-out ever to work on a community project. The buildings are still in need of paint.

Sheldon

There have been meetings, films and discussions on further community development. This community had one person to attend the State NAACP Youth retreat held at Penn Center in August.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Two youths from the Hilton Head Youth Council attended the NAACP Youth retreat.

One of the students that the Field Director took to visit South Carolina Area Trade School is enrolled there in Carpentry.

There was a three-day Home Protection Care Course held at Penn Center in August, given by the County Health Department and taught by the County Nurse. The course was sponsored by other agencies through the Health Department. The purpose of the course is to train leaders, who will in turn teach other classes, and thus reach each family in the community. The course dealt with ways to meet emergencies in the home as well as state or nation. Of the fourteen persons enrolled, there was a variation of occupations represented. The recruiting was done by the Field Director on St. Helena and Lady's Island.

There were two persons to acquire registration certificates from other communities on St. Helena.

Eight persons from the county were taken by the Field Director to a one-day workshop at Dorchester, Georgia. The workshop was held by Southern Christian Leadership Conference for the entire week to teach leaders basic principles

of teaching others in obtaining registration certificates, teaching persons to read and write, to fill out money orders and checks. There were persons participating from Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and South Carolina. Among the persons from the county that attended the one-day workshop was The Rev. Mack E. Sharpe, a Penn trustee. One of the persons will attend the full session next month.

July 8 to July 20, 1962: The attendance of the third annual laboratory in Community Leadership training, Gould Academy, Bethel, Maine. This training is sponsored through the National Training Laboratory, and the National Education Association of Washington, D. C. The training emphasis of the laboratory was understanding, determining and defining the role of the community worker as a professional or volunteer; evaluation, communication and interpretation of the individual to the group and within the group; and trying to define the problems of the community and organizations within the community.

Mrs. Mary Lou Skinner, Health Education Consultant for South East Region, who was also a participant in the N.T.L. Bethel Workshop, visited the Pilot Project with Miss Ficquett, State Consultant Nurse. The ladies made many suggestions on ways that the project can work with the school systems in the county. It is hoped that there will be a return visit later in the year to assist in getting the suggestions implemented.

The South Carolina N.T.L. Alumni met in September to consider bringing the services of N.T.L. to South Carolina. It is hoped that the University of South Carolina will cooperate in bringing the services to the state.

There have been efforts made to assist in securing Rural Farm Home Loans for building new homes. Also there is assistance given in trying to find information on the purchase of a shrimp boat which would permit a fisherman to become an independent businessman.

Meetings attended 35
New persons interviewed . . . 210
Mileage in County 4500
Mileage out of County 3361
Trips out of County 5

December 12, 1962

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Siceloff:

I'm afraid that a forthright and apologetic confession is our only recourse at this point: we have not yet mailed out copies of "The Unequal Badge--Negro Policemen in the South" to the chairmen of the state advisory committees to the CCR, as you requested in your letter of September 27, and I am very sorry.

The delay has been largely because: (1) the last advisory committee directory we have is dated January, 1961, and therefore is probably in need of correction; and, (2), I'm not sure just which states comprise the nine state area you serve. We had thought we could determine both of these things without bothering you, but we've tried and apparently we can't. I am, therefore, enclosing nine copies of the pamphlet for you to mail out (we sent you one earlier for the SAC section of the Commission). If you prefer that we send them from this office, we will be happy to. Just let me know and enclose a list of addressees and we'll mail them immediately. (In that event, just keep the enclosed copies. We have quite a few on hand.)

Again, I'm very sorry. We should have turned to you earlier.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

December 13, 1962

Mrs. Elizabeth Sicaloff
Penn Community Services
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Elizabeth:

Many thanks for the thoughtful note. The sole reason I took the job was to get back to Frogmore.

Congratulations on making the News and Courier. Have been somewhat worried about the little attention Mr. Waring has given you.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

December 13, 1967

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Your request of December 5th, concerning the February 13-15 conference, has been given considerable thought and we are anxious to help in any way possible. We do have some question about just what you want of us, what type of report would come from the meeting, and to whom in what numbers it should be distributed. Within that scope, we are interested in doing more directed at rural interests and are always interested in working with Penn.

Can you enlighten us on these specifics and any others you may have?

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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PA — SB — ready when you are — PA

please get together with me & discuss

SB

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED
ST. HELENA ISLAND
FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

December 5, 1962

Dr. Leslie Dunbar, Director
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Les:

I am sure that you are acquainted with the conference held at Bricks, North Carolina, sponsored by the National Sharecroppers Fund. Staige Blackfoot, James Dabbs, Paul Christopher, Alice Spearman and I were a few of the SRC-related persons present.

I think a number of us were impressed by the way in which certain federal programs, primarily ARA loans and training programs, are designed to help the under-employed and unemployed in certain communities where the income is below a certain level. It was pointed out that it is often the Negro income that makes the county eligible for this support, yet in few instances have the people for whom the program is designed really benefited. Equal employment opportunity and training is definitely not a part of this program.

On the other hand, there are a number of administrators within the Agriculture Department who are anxious to see this program, as well as other federal programs, reach Negroes -- who, of course, constitute the largest proportion of the low-income group. At present this has to be done almost in spite of the machinery set up under these federal programs, where local control is exercised. The importance of the Bricks conference to me was how these services could be made available.

Since most of the persons attending the Bricks conference were agency personnel, it was felt that a conference was necessary within the state to alert people in all counties of South Carolina to the way in which the program operates. Those from South Carolina attending the conference have thus planned a meeting for February 13-15 here at Penn. It is the expectation to invite top federal officials involved in these programs, together with top administrative officials of these programs in South Carolina, with Negro representatives from as many counties as possible. Our expectation is that all persons having to do with these programs will know for whom they are directed, so that such benefits can begin to reach Negroes in South Carolina.

I have discussed this with Vernon Eagle of the New World Foundation

in terms of a modest budget for accommodations here at Penn for the conference, as well as a little money for travel for South Carolinians. x Vernon expressed interest in this, but felt such an expense would be justified only if the techniques of making this aid available were written up and fairly widely distributed. Since I believe you expressed interest some time ago that SRC should concentrate more of its efforts in rural areas, it seems to me that this program would be of great help to persons so situated. I am wondering if you would consider having SRC make up a report following the conference and handling the distribution.

If you would be interested in this, we would like to have the approximate amount that would be entailed in this, so that it could be added to our current proposal to New World Foundation. You undoubtedly will want to talk with some of those who attended the conference, and I know that you probably will have questions that will need further clarification. I'll be glad to have your reactions.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Courtney Siceloff

cc: Alice Spearman
James Dabbs

x Budget

Accomodations at Penn for Conference	800.
Travel	200.
Administrative Expenses	200. 1200

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

ST. HELENA ISLAND

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Feb 13-15

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

December 19, 1962

Mr. Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

First of all, congratulations on your new assignment! However, now I wonder who is going to raise the money to pay your salary, since you have given up that function.

Concerning the rural conference to be held here in February, I should think it would be quite valuable for the proceedings of the conference to be written up. We will be dealing primarily with the RAD, ARA, and federally assisted training programs. Although the provisions of the latter two are such that Negroes should be primarily involved, the fact is that they are almost totally excluded.

I had not thought originally about writing up the conference, but the suggestion came from Vernon Eagle, who thought that in this way the conference would have a wider impact than within the state. I should think that the brochure might include an outline of the above programs and an indication of the need for initiative on the part of Negroes if they are to benefit from them. There would need to be a definite outline of steps to do this, as well as telling briefly of communities where Negroes have gained access to the programs.

Whether the brochure should contain also material as to other federal programs, such as Ira Kaye researched, you would have to decide. Certainly a list of addresses of agencies in Washington would have to be included, should persons not be able to obtain benefit of these services locally.

However, I think Stage Blackfoot would know more about how this material should be handled, even though he was not there the entire time at Bricks.

As to the people who might be interested in this, I should think the material would be funneled through organizations already active in the South and having contact with rural situations. In addition to the state and local councils of human relations, I should think the list would include: most of the organizations in the Interagency

Conference, as well as some of the other action groups. Since the training programs affect urban areas as well, the guidance teachers and principals of Negro schools would be good contacts.

I do not know how many would be needed, but should think it would be between five and ten thousand.

John Baker, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, and Mr. A. T. Mace, Director of RAD, have already agreed to participate in the conference. We are in the process of contacting additional federal persons.

And speaking of program, we would like to have a one-hour summary of the conference as the last event, and can think of no one more qualified than the new Director of Field Activities for SRC. Would you consent to do this?

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Courtney Siceloff

December 19, 1962
Dict. December 18

Mr. William Batt, Administrator
Area Redevelopment Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Batt:

I have just talked with Mr. Jeffers concerning a conference on federal programs affecting rural people, to be held here at Penn Center February 13-15, 1963.

This conference will be planned along the lines of one held at Bricks, North Carolina in November, in which Mr. Shields, Mr. Robinson, and Miss Gould participated. However, in the February conference here, participation will be limited to South Carolina. The conference will limit itself to discussion of RAD, ARA and federally assisted training programs. It seemed clear at the Bricks conference that the low-income groups (unemployed and under-employed) -- of whom the Negroes constitute a large portion -- have not fully benefitted from these programs.

At this conference we will want the administrators of the programs in Washington to fully explain the programs. We will seek the participation of the administrators of these programs in South Carolina. Finally, we will try to get participation from Negroes in most of the counties in South Carolina, half of which are eligible for ARA assistance. Mr. John Baker, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, and Mr. A. T. Mace of the RAD program have already accepted invitations, subject of course to Congressional call.

In order to insure participation throughout the state, we have a tentative commitment from a foundation which would provide accommodations for this conference, as well as travel to South Carolinians in case of need. We are also discussing with the Southern Regional Council of Atlanta the possibility of their writing a report of the conference and distributing it throughout the South.

The ARA program will be discussed beginning at nine o'clock on February 14. We would like Mr. Jeffers to discuss what the ARA program is and what communities are eligible.

You will probably be aware that many of the people attending this

conference will not have heard of the ARA and it will need to be fully explained. We will then ask Mr. Berry to discuss what the ARA is doing in South Carolina. We would then like to have Mr. George Robinson speak for twenty minutes on the ARA and non-white participation: where it is and is not reaching the Negroes and how Negroes can participate more in the program.

On the afternoon of February 14 the training programs will be discussed, and we would like Miss Gould to discuss this for twenty minutes. These panels will be followed by an hour to an hour and a half of discussion from members of the conference.

Finally, we are wanting discussion by participants in perhaps two ARA programs in which Negroes have been affected. One project that was discussed at Bricks was the Fayette County, Tennessee project. Another was that of Port Royal Industries of Beaufort, South Carolina, where Mr. Marot has extended opportunities for employing Negroes in South Carolina. Perhaps you may know of other projects which could be more vividly presented, and we would appreciate any suggestions you would have.

We would hope that Messrs. Jeffers and Robinson and Miss Gould will be able to remain for the entire conference, but their presentations will be on February 14. We will be glad to arrange transportation between the Savannah or Charleston airport and Penn, if you will let us have the schedule. Although the Savannah airport is closer, it will be quite convenient to arrange transportation to the Charleston airport if a better schedule is available there.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

cc: Mr. S. R. Jeffers
Mrs. Alice Spearman

bc: Dr. Leslie Dunbar

No commitment implied here, of course.

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED
ST. HELENA ISLAND
FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

December 19, 1962
Dict. December 18

Dr. Leslie Dunbar
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Les:

You may recall that at the SCHR meeting in Columbia, we discussed SRC assisting in writing and duplicating a series of recommendations to the incoming Governor. This was to be presented in the name of the South Carolina Council.

This committee met last week. It was the committee's recommendation that we supply all the information, plus our recommendations, and that someone at SRC draft the document. We think that the SRC document, "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," might be a model for this presentation.

The Governor will be inaugurated next month and we are hoping that this can be presented to him at least by the end of January. If your staff person can draw up the draft, and you can do the duplicating, by what time would you need to have the material so that it can be returned here by the end of January?

I have just dictated a letter to Paul Anthony about the rural conference. It appears we are calling heavily on SRC at this point. Of course, I am wearing different hats for each request!

Sincerely,

Courtney Siceloff

cc: Gil Rowland
Alice Spearman

December 21, 1962

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Please don't write us so much. I'm temporarily trying to wear two hats--and for one or the other Les manages to pass on all your correspondence, regardless of subject, or which hat you are wearing at the time.

In dealing with the SCHR report to the governor and the rural conference we are considerably influenced by being understaffed at a very busy time. Therefore, the following reactions.

With the SCHR report we will edit a draft report and duplicate it. Time will be quite a problem. ("The Federal Executive..." was something over six months in preparation.) Frankly, we don't feel we have the time to write a report from the raw material, nor is anyone here close enough to the situation to be certain of reflecting the views and tone of SCHR. But, if someone on your committee can prepare us a rough draft we will edit it and submit our edited version back to the committee for their approval or changes. Depending on the condition of your draft, we would need at least a week to do the editing here. Thereafter, on receipt of the SCHR approved version, we could supply you with the finished product in about two weeks. I don't see how all these things can be done by the end of January--though your present material and recommendations may already be near "rough draft" form. But, on this end we will work as rapidly as possible. On reproducing the report we will do a good mimeograph job on good quality paper, with a colored, mimeographed, stapled cover. The "Federal

Executive" printed cover with spiral binding proved to be far too expensive for us to do again--about .30¢ per copy for cover and binder--and I doubt the difference warrants the cost.

With the rural conference, I am still somewhat confused as to what the conference is and what will come out of it. But, there is no doubt that you want a report written, produced and distributed in five to ten thousand copies. Therefore, we'll be about it. It will be necessary for us to hire a consultant for this and I hope that you and others can spend some time with this person in making certain the report includes those things which are needed. Costs on all of this will be held as low as possible and I assume modest consultant costs, and reproducing and distributing costs will come from the grant. To make very certain that we don't overspend, you might in time give us a figure of the maximum amount available.

I take back my opening sentence. Write often. Just please pick subjects to which I can answer with an immediate, enthusiastic, and unqualified YES.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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Autumn 1962

Dear Friend:

May I tell you in a few words what the enclosed brochure means?

What is happening now at Penn will happen in the South. This is the creative use of the past to bring in a happier future.

In a sense, this is a return to Southern origins. For in the beginning past and future were happily balanced in the South. But confused by slavery and baffled by defeat, the South for a long time was hypnotized by the past. Now, with the weakening of provincialism, the growth of national concern, and especially the dramatic rise of the Negro, the South turns increasingly toward the future.

At Penn it turns with the wisdom won from the past. Here, Negroes for a century trained and inspired largely by Northern friends cooperate on equal terms with whites, many of whom are now Southern. Both groups bring to the effort the patient wisdom distilled from long frustration and defeat, transformed at last into the promise of victory. The Negroes especially, as the greatest sufferers, bring a passion for justice that is releasing the largely-unconscious wisdom of the South.

Many of you have been participants in this struggle. Your material aid has supported and inspired it. Now that the lessons of the past are being more actively and widely applied, even greater support is necessary. Will you go forward with us?

Sincerely,

James McBride Dabbs

P. S. This annual report and appeal is sent to all contributors and friends of Penn. Contributions are tax-deductible.

FEBRUARY 13

WEDNESDAY

Chairman: REV. M. D. McCOLLOM

District Superintendent of the Methodist Church Walterboro District

11:00 A.M.—REGISTRATION

12:00 N. —LUNCH

1:00 P.M.—RURAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT

WELCOME: Courtney Siceloff, Director of Penn Center

PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE: L. S. James, South Carolina Council on Human Relations

A. WHAT IS RAD, How does it work, What resources are available to communities and individuals: A. T. Mace, Director, Office of Rural Areas Development

B. RAD IS SOUTH CADOLINA, Special plans: O. W. Lloyd, Rural Development Specialist, Clemson College

C. RAD AND NON-DISCRIMINATION, How the program is and is not reaching Negroes, How it can reach them more effectively: Dr. L. P. Potts, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture

2:30 P.M.—DISCUSSION

3:30 P.M.—COFFEE BREAK

4:00 P.M.—WORKSHOPS

Cooperatives. Job Savage, Director, Management Services Division, Farmer's Cooperative Service

Rural Housing Loans: James K. Barnes, Area Supervisor, FHA

Credit Unions: Sidney Gillikin, Federal Examiner for Credit Union

County Agricultural Committees: Ira Kaye, Lawyer, Sumter, S. C.

Community Services: Alvin Stortroen, Domestic Farm Labor, Department of Labor

6:00 P.M.—DINNER

7:30 P.M.—KEYNOTE ADDRESS

"The Rural South 15 Years From Now", Dr. Gilbert Hardee, Assistant Professor of Sociology, N. C. State College

FEBRUARY 14

THURSDAY

8:00 A.M.—BREAKFAST

9:00 A.M.—AREA REDEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

A. WHAT IT IS, Which communities are eligible: Wayne Shields, Senior Field Coordinator, Southeast Region, A.R.A.

B. ARA IN SOUTH CAROLINA, Instances of the program helping low income families: Gordon Berry, A.R.A. Coordinator for S. C.

C. ARA AND NON-DISCRIMINATION, Where the porgram is and is not reaching Negroes, and what can be done to make it more effective: George Robinson, Special Assistant for Community Organization

D. TWO EXPERIENCES in Rural Development

1—Fayette County, Tennessee: Allen Yancey

2—Beaufort County, South Carolina: Jean Morot, Port Royal Industries

10:30 A.M.—COFFEE BREAK

11:00 A.M.—DISCUSSION

12:30 P.M.—LUNCH

1:30 P.M.—FEDERAL AND STATE TRAINING PROGRAMS

A. ARA TRAINING: Miss Anne Gould, Training Coordinator, ARA

B. MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING ACT: William Mirengoff, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Manpower, Automation and Training

C. NATIONAL DEFENCE EDUCATION ACT (TITLE VIII): Dr. Roy W. Dugger, Director of Manpower, Development and Training Services, U. S. Office of Education

D. SOUTH CAROLINA PROGRAMS FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING UNDER ARA, MDTA, AND NDEA (TITLE VIII): R. D. Anderson, Director of Vocational Education, South Carolina Department of Education

E. TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTERS: John Hills, Director, Division of Technical Services, State Committee for Technical Education

3:10 P.M.—COFFEE BREAK

3:30 P.M.—

F. ROLE OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN RE-TRAINING PROGRAMS: Arthur Chapin, Bureau of Employment Security, U. S. Department of Labor

G. SELECTION AND PLACEMENT FOR S. C. TRAINING PROGRAMS: Keith Aull, Director, South Carolina Employment Security

4:10 P.M.—DISCUSSION

6:00 P.M.—DINNER

7:30 P.M.—RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE
John Baker, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture

FEBRUARY 15

FRIDAY

8:00 A.M.—BREAKFAST

9:00 A.M.—WHO IN SOUTH CAROLINA CAN SEE THAT PROGRAMS REACH ALL OF THE PEOPLE?

A. ROLE OF EXTENSION AGENT: O. W. Lloyd

B. ROLE OF VOCATION AGRICULTURE TEACHERS: W. E. Gore, State Superintendent of Vocational Agriculture, S. C. Department of Education

C. ROLE OF GUIDANCE TEACHERS: Miss Ellen Lyles, State Supervisor of Guidance Services, S. C. Department of Education

D. ROLE OF TECHNICAL ACTION PANEL: John Lovorn, Director of Rural Renewal Division, F.H.A., U.S. Department of Agriculture

E. ROLE OF PRIVATE AGENCIES: Mrs. Alice Spearman, Executive Director, South Carolina Council on Human Relations

10:30 A.M.—COFFEE BREAK

11:00 A.M.—SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE
Dr. C. H. Thomas, Professor of Education, S. C. State College, Orangeburg, S. C.

12:30 P.M.—LUNCH

RURAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT

Mr. A. T. Mace, Director RAD
USDA
Washington, D. C.

Mr. O. W. Lloyd
RAD Specialist
Clemson College

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Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Dir.
Penn Community Services
Frogmore, S. C.

Penn Community Center

COURTNEY SICELOFF, Director

MEMO to conference participants

HOW TO REACH PENN CENTER: Penn Center is located at Frogmore and one-half mile off U. S. Highway 21, six miles beyond Beaufort, S. C. It is roughly 50 miles north of Savannah, Georgia, and 75 miles south of Charleston. Greyhound bus line serves Beaufort from Savannah and Charleston, and taxi fare from Beaufort to Frogmore is $2. The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad serves Yemassee, S. C., about 30 miles from Frogmore, and several airlines serve Savannah and Charleston. The Penn staff will provide transportation from Yemassee, Savannah or Charleston to conference guests arriving by plane or rail, IF THEY WILL NOTIFY PENN OF THEIR TIME OF ARRIVAL IN ADVANCE.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Penn Center has dormitory facilities for over 100 people, with arrangements in private homes for overflow. The dining room serves all meals cafeteria style. Main sessions of the conference will be held in Frissell Auditorium on the Penn campus; discussion groups will be in the classroom building. All buildings are heated and linen is provided. There is no charge for sleeping accommodations or for meals.

REGISTRATION: To register for the conference, simply contact Mrs. Alice Spearman at the address below and notify her of your intention to register. There is no charge for registration. Room assignments will be made upon arrival at Penn Center.

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL
on HUMAN RELATIONS
1330 Laurel Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.
Mrs. Alice Spearman, Executive Director

TRAINING PROGRAMS and JOBS for RURAL SOUTH CAROLINIANS

a southern
rural conference
sponsored by

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.
South Carolina Council
on Human Relations

February 13-15, 1963
Penn Center
Frogmore, South Carolina

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PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

St. Helena Island — Frogmore, South Carolina

Courtney Siceloff
Director

March 20, 1963

Dear Paul:

I am quite sure that no additional words need be added to the weight of those attached. (As we trail toward the end of our fiscal year, we probably can't even afford the postage.) But I just wanted to say that this was dictated in some haste and confusion just before Courtney left for Puerto Rico, and of course he had no opportunity to look over the notes after transcription. I'm afraid I haven't the verve to even read over it. I hope it won't spoil your weekend.

Courtney suggested I send you an extra copy of the notes in case you would want to send a copy to Hayes.

Travel notes: Courtney writes from San Juan that the narrow streets and smells remind him of Mexico and the south of France, definitely "old world." But the New World note was about the conductor on the train en route to Miami. "The train was really a relic and should have been in the museum years ago. The conductor was of the same vintage. At 2:30 A.M. when he came on duty, he flashed on all the lights and woke up everyone to get their tickets. He shook Tom out of a deep sleep with--'Boy, wake up, let me see your ticket.'"

That's just to remind you how Needed you are. And most particularly here. That glimpse we had of you was far too brief. Newsletter looks good.

T.P.

Penn

June 3, 1963

Mr. Vernon Eagle
New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Vernon Eagle:

Enclosed is a list of expenses incurred in connection with the holding of the conference on Jobs and Training for Rural South Carolinians last February.

The grant from New World made it possible for participants to travel from most of the counties within the State.

I think you realize that other agencies and organizations gave both money and personnel in the promotion of the conference. The South Carolina Council on Human Relations contacted persons throughout the state repeatedly to insure both attendance and representation. The United Presbyterian Church assisted not only in recruiting for the conference but, also, in providing travel expenses and accommodations for their members. You are aware of the reporting, mimeographing, and distribution of the report handled by the Southern Regional Council. Government agencies provided personnel for leadership as well as their travel. This was ~~to be~~ TRULY a cooperative project.

I believe one of the most dramatic changes to have occurred as a result of this conference has been the withholding of approval for further retraining courses under Manpower Development Training Act until all courses are offered on a non-discriminatory basis. Follow-up conferences have been held with the national and state directors of rural housing loans under Farmers' Home Administration, so that these programs might be more available to rural Negro residents.

We do indeed appreciate the support of the New World Foundation in carrying out this conference.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

enclosure
cc: Marion Wright
Paul Anthony
Alice Spearman

CS:mm

Paul — Would like to have the extra copies of the Mingall report — I believe you were going to send about 200.

EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH CONFERENCE ON
TRAINING PROGRAMS AND JOBS FOR RURAL SOUTH CAROLINIANS
February 13-15, 1963

Office Supplies & Conference Materials	$ 52.84
Printing Programs	80.85
Postage & Telephone	185.33
Persons Assisting With Program Preparation and Registration	41.64
Travel of Program Leaders	125.92
Travel of Participants at Conference	127.26
Accommodations for Conference Participants	906.16
Writing report, mimeographing & distribution	480.00
TOTAL	$2000.00

C. Sicloff
Pers

June 26, 1963

Mrs. Sarah W. Herbin
Employment on Merit Program
American Friends Service Committee, Inc.
P. O. Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Sarah Herbin:

I am sorry to have delayed so long in answering your letter of May 23. You have been most helpful in both sending materials and suggesting Mr. Ford would be able to meet with the manager of the plant coming into Beaufort.

I have been talking to the Chairman of the Development Board for Beaufort. He indicates that the plant owner and his production manager have visited the integrated plant of Manhattan Shirt Company in Charleston and are personally disposed toward desegregating the new plant. They do not want to move faster than the community will permit, however.

The Chairman of the Development Commission indicated that he would be happy for the plant to be fully desegregated, but he felt that, with the unrest in, particularly, the South, it was unwise to try to bring a community to discuss the matter of desegregation with another plant manager.

I learned that the new plant is operating in temporary quarters of the old USO building and that in the process of hiring Negroes, the same rest rooms have been utilized. While there was some initial objection from white employees, apparently after the situation was explained, there has been no incident.

I expect to see the President of the company on his next trip to Beaufort. At this point, I am hopeful that it will be a completely desegregated operation. This is important, I think, because it will be the first industry coming into Beaufort and will, also, not be under the compulsion of having a government contract.

I do appreciate your suggesting Mr. Ford as a consultant and his willingness to come to Beaufort.

Best regards,

Courtney Sicloff

cc: Robert Ford
Gregory Shinert
Paul Anthony

CS:mm

October 17, 1963

Mrs. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services
St. Helena Island
Progmore, South Carolina

Dear Elizabeth:

We have made some effort to turn up a teacher for you--without any luck whatsoever. Just talked with Noyes Collinson who gave the same report, though he still has several places to go in his search.

Should you get that desperate we will call several employment agencies and interview for you the people they turn up. This certainly isn't desirable, but may be necessary.

If next month's Board meeting of the SR Council is being held at Penn (and if one is held anywhere) will see you then. Otherwise, can't imagine when the opportunity will come. For all the travel in this job, there's precious little of the best spots. (I still want to write that book--any book--in your cottage.)

Best to all the Siceloff's.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

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Siceloff

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

ST. HELENA ISLAND

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

BEAUFORT, S.C., 524-4337
AREA CODE 803

October 3, 1963

Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Before leaving for a trip North, Courtney asked me to write to SRC on connection with our search for a teacher for a proposed Clerk-Stenographer Project, to be set up (if approved) at Penn under the Manpower Development and Training program. I wasn't sure who to write, but it seemed a good excuse to write to you, and you can pass the buck if someone else there should take care of this. Do please pass it quickly, though.

For some weeks now we have been negotiating with Mr. Muller, State Supervisor of Manpower Development and Training, about setting up a course here for clerk-stenographers. One purpose would be to train Negroes (although it would be open to all) for filling non-traditional jobs. There is a particular demand now in the military bases in this area for such Negro personnel - and a willingness to hire them if they can be found.

We have encountered many difficulties at the state and county level. However, plans are going forward for starting the course in November. One of the big hurdles now is locating an instructor. The enclosed letter from Mr. Muller lists the subjects to be covered in the course. The salary, to be based on training and experience, would be a minimum of $4,750 for a course of 38 weeks. The class would be limited to 20. There would be all new equipment for teaching.

An emphasis is placed on practical experience, for the teacher. Also important is academic background. It would be desirable, but not necessary, that the person have a college degree. Teaching experience would also be desirable. The position may be filled by either a white or Negro person.

Interested applicants may telephone or write Courtney at this office. He will be back in the office on Monday, October 7.

We will appreciate anything SRC ddo to help locate a well-qualified teacher for this course.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth

(Mrs. Courtney Siceloff)

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

St. Helena Island — Frogmore, South Carolina

Courtney Siceloff
Director

10/3/63

To Paul Anthony (not for record):

Mr. Muller (and I suppose everybody else connected with the State Dept. of Ed.) is negative about having this course here at Penn. They don't object to the course, but they'd like to have it some place where everybody would stay in their place a little more. The negotiations have been a real headache, and of course the thing hasn't been finally approved yet.

It all has to be channeled through local educational officials and the County Supt. of Education - at Mr. Muller's insistence - is to be Supervisor.

Even so, we hope it can be good.

Courtney wanted very much to have a white teacher (I was accusing him of white supremacy) but he was beaten down on that - by the interesting argument that "you can't specify race!" There may be a few white students, but we expect the class to be mainly Negro. Dormitory facilities will be provided for those from other towns who wish to stay here.

We have a lot of readiness here at Parris Island to hire Negroes - they have put on a terrific drive recently - and it would be good, both here and elsewhere, if we could round up some well trained people. We hope this course will help.

Say, when <u>are</u> you coming to see us? It is <u>so</u> beautiful and golden today.

Best -

Elizabeth

State of South Carolina

Department of Education

JESSE T. ANDERSON
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

COLUMBIA, S. C.

September 7, 1963

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Center
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Siceloff:

An instructor will probably have to be employed full time to teach the Clerk-Stenographer Project at Penn Community Center and we would like your opinion who should be employed to teach this class.

The Clerk-Stenographer Project will probably include the following: Typing, Shorthand, Office Relations, Vocabulary Skills, Applied English Grammar, Transcription, Correspondence English, Secretarial Practice, and Secretarial Communications.

Please let me know your feelings about an instructor.

Sincerely,

Ernest A. Muller
State Supervisor
Manpower Development and Training

EAM/gs

KWD / VJ / PW } note editorial especially editorials
MJ - file editorial in Defense materials

MM February 5, 1964

Mr. Gregory Shinert
17 East Cary Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Gregory Shinert:

Some months ago I was very much concerned about the Garland Knitting Mills - which was being established in Beaufort - and sought assistance in the way of consultants who might talk with the owner toward desegregating the plant. I thought I would bring you up to date on what is happening in the plant. While I am very pleased that they have gone as far as they have, their problems obviously are not solved.

The owner, a Mr. Bernat from Boston, said that he and several of the officials had gone to the Manhattan Shirt Company, which had a desegregated plant, to view their operations, and felt that there would be no need of consultants coming in, but that they could handle the situation themselves. At the beginning the plans called for segregated washroom facilities and a straight line production shift which would be along segregated patterns. This plant does not have any government contract and doesn't contemplate getting one. THE OWNER DECIDED to eliminate these segregated plans. Their training courses later became integrated as well, which was being conducted by the Technical Education Commission.

The plant now must have around 100 employees, with about one-third to one-half being Negroes. Several of the skilled jobs and one supervisor's job is held by a Negro.

However, this company works an all-white plant in Warrenton, Georgia, and has brought a number of the chief personnel from that plant to operate the one in Beaufort. There is a feeling among the Negroes that the native Georgians have dragged their feet on the matter of desegregation, and one or two have felt actual discrimination. However, I think that it is interesting that this is the first industry to come to Beaufort, and it has voluntarily desegregated.

One interesting aspect of this was that when the owner agreed to have desegregated washroom facilities, he called the contractor to change the plans and was told that a state law requires such facilities. This was partly true in that a law dating back to 1920, and still unchallenged, requires separate washroom facilities, entrances, pay windows, starways, etc. The chairman of the Development Board of Beaufort called the Governor and was assured personally that there would be no ~~constitution~~ action under this outdated law. However, it is ironic that the contractor on his own still put in the separate facilities, but Negro and white use both of the facilities, so that there is no discrimination in this facility.

I do want you to know that I appreciate very much your counsel and willingness to assist with this project.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

cc: Mrs. Sarah Herbin
Paul Anthony

P.S. Good to see you in Columbia last night but sorry to have missed your talk at the beginning.

I hope we can get together in Washington at interagency meeting to talk about some prospective members for Advisory Com. members.

Penn

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

ST. HELENA ISLAND

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

June 19,1964

Dear Friend:

Enclosed is a job description for the position of Program Director at Penn. We are hopeful that this can be filled during the summer,so that the person can begin work in early fall.

We would appreciate your putting this in the hands of any person that you think would be interested, and has the qualifications.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

Courtney Siceloff

CS:fmm
Enclosure:
Job Description

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.
Frogmore, S. C.

JOB DESCRIPTION: PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Penn is seeking a person for the newly created position of Program Director. The person in this position will have two primary functions: coordinating the work of community development, and serving as administrative assistant to the director.

Penn has a unique program in community development. For the past three years, the field director has worked intensively in selected communities and developed contacts with persons in other areas of the county. Under this expanded program, there will be two field directors, each of whom will have four communities in which to concentrate all of their time and efforts.

The Program Director would serve as coordinator on a half-time basis, assisting these field directors in their communities through consultation, selection of visual aids and other materials, and organization of workshops. He will also make the contacts through the rest of the county where the field directors are not working. This will involve meeting leaders in the communities, encouraging their participation in countywide activities, recruiting for conferences and workshops, both at Penn and outside the county, and providing information on job opportunities. He will edit a periodic county newsletter describing activities within the county project.

The other half of the program director's time would be spent in the role of administrative assistant. This work will involve the writing and organizing of a periodic newsletter to contributors and interested persons, organizing fund-raising approaches through alumni and other interested groups, making contact with conference groups wishing to use Penn facilities, and handling other administrative duties.

An applicant for the position should have experience in administrative work and writing. Particularly valuable would be a person who had had likewise some experience in fund-raising.

The salary would be $7,000 annually, with three weeks vacation and hospitalization insurance provided.

Background and Location: Penn Community Services, Inc. is a community and conference center located on St. Helena Island, one of the cluster of sea islands on the South Carolina coast. Founded in 1862, Penn School (our predecessor) was one of the earliest of the schools for Negroes. Penn Center offers one of the few facilities for inter-racial groups in South Carolina.

Penn Center is seven miles from the Beaufort County seat (town of Beaufort population 6,400), approximately midway between Charleston and Savannah. It is ten miles from the Atlantic Ocean.

Please address inquiries to Courtney Siceloff, Penn Community Services, Frogmore, S. C. A brochure of Penn describing its activities is enclosed.

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

St. Helena Island — Frogmore, South Carolina

Courtney Siceloff
Director

Dec 9, 1964

Dear Mr Anthony.

We at Penn would like to register our positive reaction to Mr. David Jett. although we have not personally met him, his recommendations are very high and we were impressed, even though we couldn't find a place for him here.

Looking forward to meeting you personally.

Sincerely,

Everett Sell III
Program Director

December 10, 1964

Mr. Everett Gill
Program Director
Penn Community Services
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Gill:

Thank you for the information about Mr. Jett.

And welcome.

Hope we will be able to meet soon and that at the earliest opportunity you will visit us here in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

NO STAMP FOR MAIL

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

September 14, 1965

Mr. Everett Gill
Penn Community Services
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Everett:

Many thanks for the reports on your community projects. They make good reading.

I hope this fall one of our staff can get over there to meet with you and learn more of your work.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

mm SC - Penn
Please return attached

Southern Interagency Conference
% Paul Anthony

Penn Community Services
Frogmore, South Carolina
February 17, 1965

TO: All Groups that have used Penn Conference Facilities

RE: Campers' Insurance Policy

Dear Friend:

We are considering contracting for a campers' insurance policy for the use of conference groups that meet at Penn. We would like to have an indication from you as to whether your group would be willing to pay the small amount extra per person which would be required for this insurance. Once we contract for the insurance, we would have to charge every conference for it.

The policy which we are considering pays $2,000 for each accident, $500 for each cause of illness, $5.00 for emergency dental treatment, and $1,000 to $2,000 for the dismemberment and loss of sight. This includes services of a physician or nurse, hospital service and medicine.

The coverage is full up to 48 hours each way while traveling from home to a conference and back home again. The rates would be .35 per person for one to three days, .50 per person for four to eight days, and .75 per person for nine to eleven days. These rates would have to be paid for each camper.

Penn Center has liability insurance which will pay for any accident for which Penn is responsible through negligence on our part, so this additional insurance would not in itself benefit Penn.

It should be re-emphasized that once this coverage is begun it would have to be made for every conference that is held here, requiring additional charge to the cost of the room and board.

It goes without saying that this insurance would be a good thing for conference goers. It may be, however, that you either have such a coverage for your group or that you feel that an additional cost would create a hardship for the participants, or for some other reason would not favor this insurance. We would like to get the consensus of those groups that have held conferences at Penn in order to make a decision about it.

Enclosed is a form which may be filled out and returned to us in the envelope provided.

We would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,
Everett Gill III
Everett Gill III
Program Director
EG/fm

SC - Penn

May 18, 1965

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

This is to register the Secretariat's most vigorous protest that you elect to be "on business" in Puerto Rico rather than attend a vital meeting of the Southern Interagency Conference.

You are a True Intergroup Relations Professional.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

SC - ~~Gen~~ Penn

June 1, 1965

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Thanks for the news about the Klan rally. But, it's a little disturbing that they didn't get more excited about you and Penn. We can only await the finalyreport from the KBI.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

ST. HELENA ISLAND

FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

BEAUFORT, S. C., 524-4337
AREA CODE 803

MY

September 13, 1965

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern REgional Council
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Courtney referred your letter to me asking for information and materials relating to our work in community development.

I am sending you under separate cover, as much printed material that I can find concerning our work, but I feel that this would really be an inadequate way of presenting the program to you. I would hope that you might be able to come down for at least a few days not only to talk about the program, but perhaps to go out into the communities with one of our field directors.

At any rate, whatever you feel you can best do, be assured that we want to cooperate with you in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

Everett

Everett Gill III
Program Director

EG/fm

SC - Penn Cmty Services

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

St. Helena Island

Frogmore, South Carolina

Courtney Siceloff
Director

Paul —

Re SIC, our staff will be in Puerto Rico — on business yet! — from mid-June to July. Let us know when the next one will be — or Rally with the Klan at Penn next Fall. Y'all invited

Carolyn

P.S. Courtney is in Columbia –
Greenville – Birmingham.
Stirring up trouble.

"Pineland" - Alice R. Huger Smith
Collection of Carolina Art Association

12/12

Dear Paul —

I didn't ~~go~~ know you were going to become the Field Activities Director. Fine! We've got the field, so you must come & bring the activities. Remember.

We made the News & Courier today, all because friend Lantt came to a student conf here last weekend. Will send you a thermofax copy, probably tomorrow. We're expecting an editorial.

Congratulations & cheers —
Elizabeth

The right atmosphere, relaxed, congenial, friendly, exists for all groups at PENN . . .

The conference center is on the shaded grounds of the former PENN SCHOOL (founded 1862) with substantial buildings well-heated in winter.

Rates are set on a cost basis and vary according to services provided.

Conference facilities include separate cafeteria building, an auditorium seating 200, several smaller meeting rooms, library, recreation area, sleeping accommodations for 100, with additional quarters available in neighboring community.

For meetings of Church and School leaders, Policy makers, youth groups

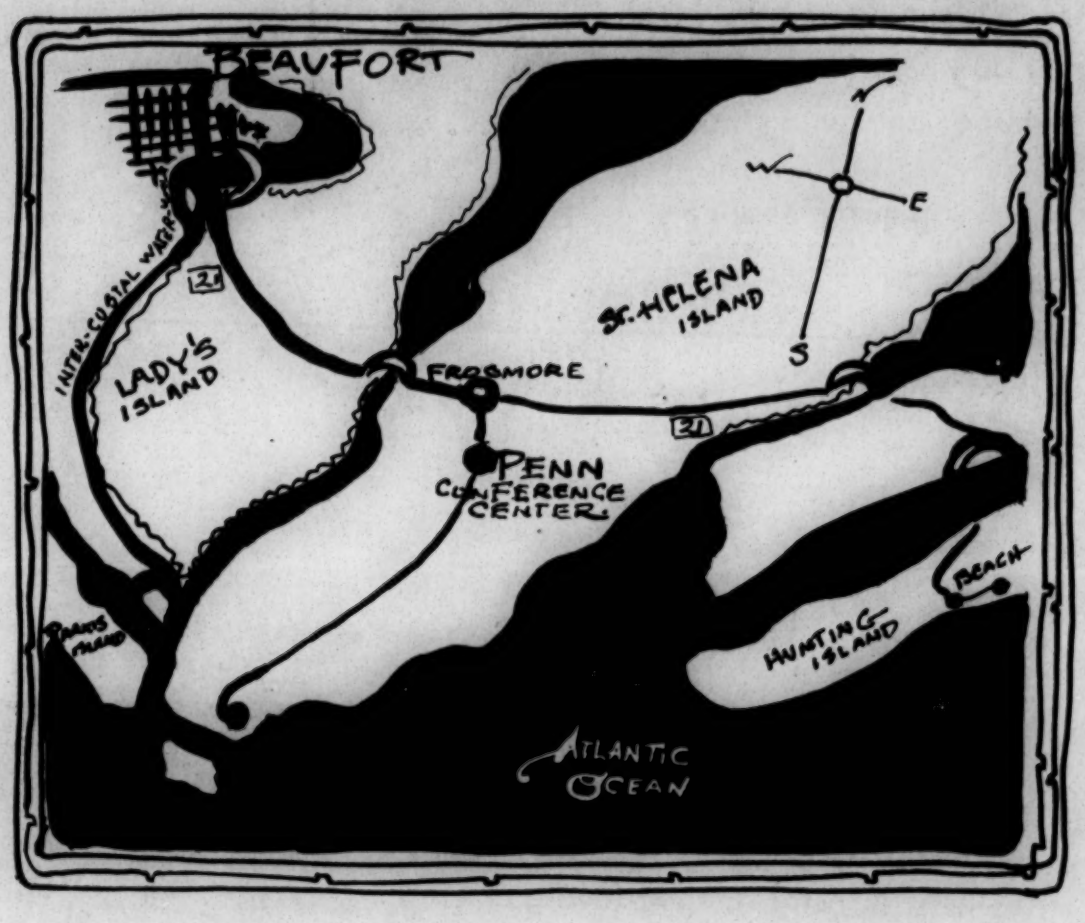
For conferences, institutes, seminars, discussion groups

COME TO PENN

Write to:

Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services
Frogmore, South Carolina
for further details

PENN is reached via Beaufort, South Carolina. If driving, continue across bridge on Route 21 from Beaufort to Lady's Island and on to Frogmore (7 miles). Turn right for ½ mile to grounds of PENN. Or take Greyhound bus to Beaufort and local bus or taxi to Penn.



The Sea Islands off the coast of South Carolina offer ocean bathing, year-round fishing and many trips of historical interest.

PENN COMMUNITY CENTER
ST. HELENA ISLAND
FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA

INVITATION to the ISLANDS

For Your Conference

Penn Community Services
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

OUR NEW ROLE IN THE SOUTH

The urban South, with problems accompanying in-migration and a booming industrial society, has captured the attention of groups and individuals interested in the future of the new South. Conversely, it is now imperative that the rural South be re-examined and a program of community education and leadership development be made available to parallel progress in the urban centers of the South. Penn has served this need on St. Helena Island. Its new role is expanding these services to all of Beaufort County and into the state of South Carolina.

BEAUFORT COUNTY PILOT PROJECT . . .

Some techniques employed on St. Helena Island and now being extended include . . .

- Practice sessions on voter registration
- Low cost housing techniques
- Program to reduce illiteracy through the coordination of trained teachers working with special television programs
- Consumer education
- Crop diversification, home gardens, and other agricultural projects

AS A CONFERENCE CENTER WITH . . .

Conference on Social and Economic Problems, Midwife Institutes, Conference on Citizenship, Workshop on Merit Employment, Workshops on Consumer Problems, Workshops on Voter Registration, Interagency Conference: Southwide Group of Human Relations Agencies, Penn Rural Consultants Study, Friends' Work Camp, Palmetto Teachers' Association, University of North Carolina Student Work Camp, Negro and White Ministers' Workshop, Southern Campus Student Religious Workers.

PENN CONTINUES AS A COMMUNITY CENTER WITH . . .

Day Nursery, Health Center, Library, Cooperative Marketing, Homemaking Classes, Sales House, and in furnishing a meeting and recreational center for St. Helena Island.

Penn Community Services

A TWO-FOLD ACTION-ORIENTED RESEARCH PROGRAM

- Leadership workshops at Penn Center
- Local demonstrations and Consultations throughout lower South Carolina by Penn's expanded and experienced staff

IN AREAS OF . . .

- Health
- Adult Education
- Registration and Voting
- Employment
- Agriculture

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"The work of Penn is supported by participants, a small endowment, and contributions enabling this important project to continue. Gifts to Penn are tax deductible."

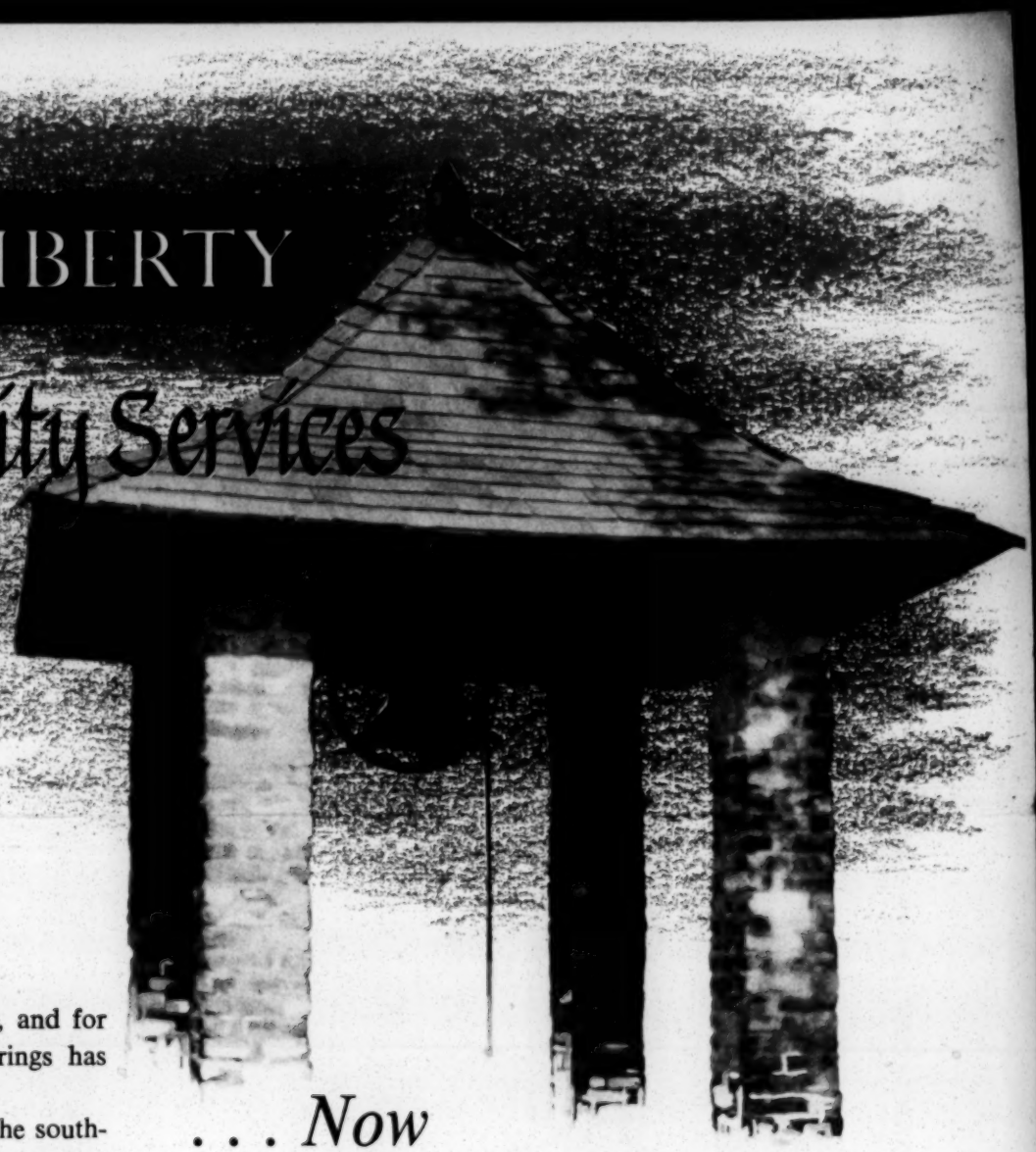
Penn Community Services

Penn Community Service has expanded its adult educational program to emphasize total community development in rural South Carolina. Penn continues to be a community center for the people of St. Helena and its neighboring islands and a conference site for organizations seeking solutions to the South's many problems.

PROCLAIM LIBERTY

Penn Community Services

ST. HELENA ISLAND
Frogmore, South Carolina



Then . . .

"Proclaim Liberty" the bell is inscribed, and for over a century the land across which it rings has been a workshop of liberty.

Until Fort Sumter's guns boomed along the southern coast, St. Helena Island had been a land of thousands of slaves. But South Carolina's fabled Sea Islands were among the first Confederate areas to be occupied by the Union armies. And here the only thoroughgoing experiment in the social reconstruction of slave society began with the distribution of land to the freedmen. Here, too, the first schoolhouse for Negroes was set up in 1862. Philadelphia Quakers of the Freedmen's Aid Society sent the building down in sections and named the schoolhouse for William Penn who preached liberty for all.

The former slaves, who flocked in from St. Helena and neighboring islands, saw education as the chief means to a broadening liberty; and through the decades Penn School developed a program of academic and vocational training that made it a model of its kind for educators in many parts of the world.

Penn School continued as the major force for Negro education in the Sea Islands until that responsibility was assumed completely by the State of South Carolina in 1948. It was then that the institution took on new functions and a new name, Penn Community Services, Inc. Yet now, as in the earlier days of Penn School, its bell continues to "Proclaim Liberty," challenging the residents of St. Helena to the ever expanding opportunities of free men and women.

. . . Now

Penn today is many things, as it seeks to capitalize on the opportunities for extending liberty in a rapidly changing South.

Penn is a community center. A meeting place for Island people, it offers:

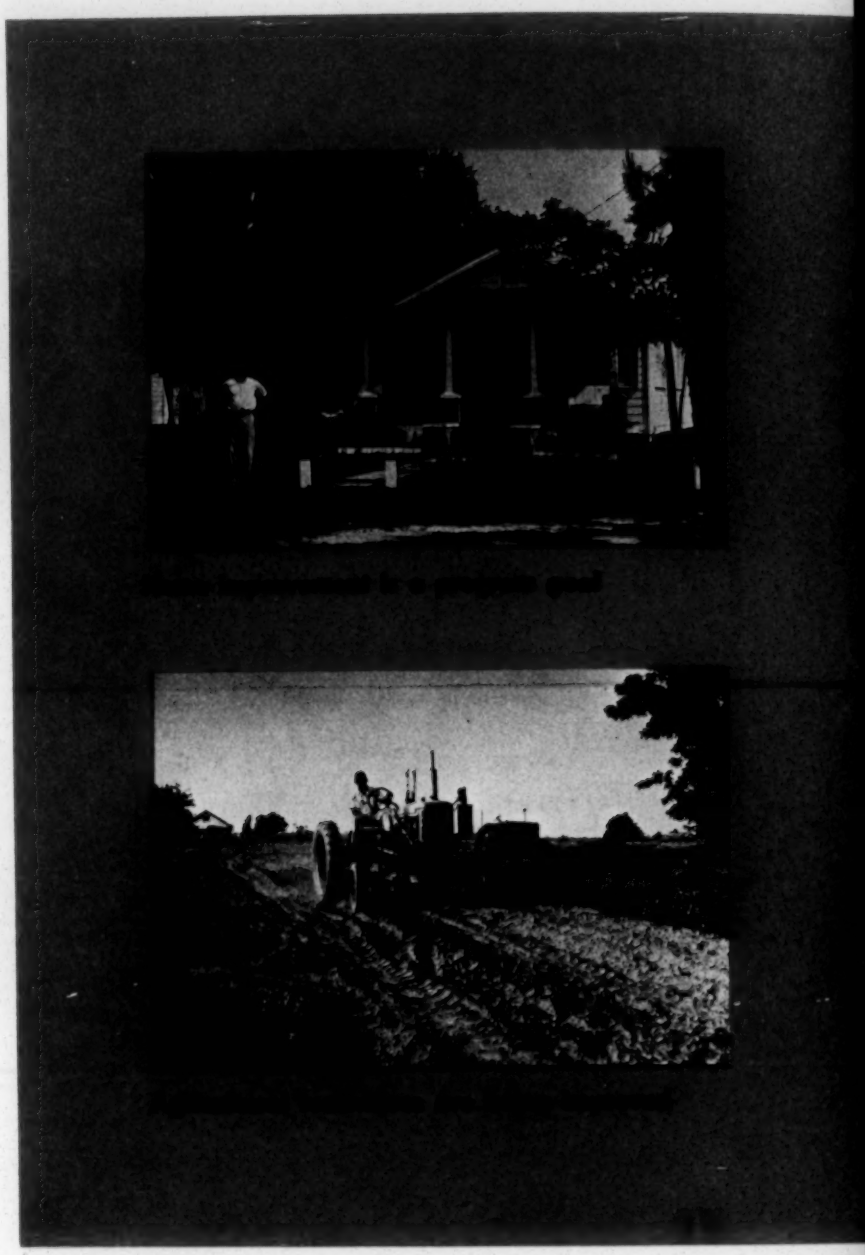
- opportunities for the exchange of ideas and information on subjects ranging from crop rotation to voting;
- cultural and recreational activities;
- facilities for a day nursery, a library, cooperative marketing, health clinics.

Penn is a conference center, one of the few places in South Carolina where interracial groups may meet. With dormitories, cafeteria, meeting rooms, and a pleasant campus atmosphere, it offers inexpensive hospitality to religious, professional, youth, and social action groups, drawn from South Carolina and the entire South.

Penn is a rural development center, interested in helping the people of other rural communities extend their own liberty by preparing themselves to enter the mainstream of American life. The community activities at Penn itself are already operated by local leadership; and the Negro community of St. Helena recently demonstrated its maturity and confidence by electing one of its members to the county board of directors. Now Penn looks beyond St. Helena to South Carolina and all of the South.

A full-time staff gives leadership

Field workers advise community groups



The bookmobile goes to the readers

Landscaping requires the removal of debris

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Penn's Pilot Project in Beaufort County is a natural outgrowth of the deep involvement with the surrounding community that has always been central to the Penn idea. The teaching of Penn School has profoundly affected the Island's level of vocational skills, home-making practices, agricultural methods, health and sanitation, and intellectual and cultural aspirations. The Pilot Project combines this traditional concern with the new emphasis on community development and wider geographical horizons.

The Pilot Project helps people in some of the more remote Sea Island communities to realize their potential for improvement through their own efforts. Beginning with personal and community needs as the local people see them, the project suggests broader goals through exposure to new ideas. Community representatives attend workshops and conferences where they learn what other communities are doing and how they do it, techniques of problem-solving, opportunities to improve the conditions of their lives by exercising responsible citizenship. Such community projects as home improvement, better sanitary facilities, school bus shelters, and voter education are already under way.

Neighbors share in the erection of school bus shelters

The tomato crop is prepared for market at the packing house at Penn

The seafood industry provides jobs

INTO THE SOUTH'S FUTURE

This is a day of dawning liberty. On just such a day a century ago Penn School was born. Yet that earlier dawn of liberty soon dimmed, partly because men of good will lost their zeal for the experiment in social reconstruction that had been so excitingly launched in the Sea Islands. For a hundred years, at Penn and elsewhere, the slow and painful struggle to push open the doors of liberty was left to a few. Today those doors are yielding, and Penn's bell reminds us daily that we cannot rest until they are fully opened.

Penn's history and situation give it a special role. Firmly rooted in the Sea Islands, it builds toward a society of self-respect and mutual respect by all. In this Deep South area Penn seeks to demonstrate the South's future as a land of full and equal liberty.

Penn sees special challenges for itself in the state of South Carolina. South Carolina has developed fewer resources for progress in human relations than most other southern states. As a basis for action Penn is undertaking to gather exact information about the extent of opportunity for Negroes in various fields—economic, social, and political.

In the wider South, Penn aligns itself with the broad and growing movement for full and equal liberty. Its greatest contribution may be as a meeting place and center of communication for the various groups working for healthier human relations. Here is a meeting ground where increasing numbers of Southerners, black and white, may escape their tragic estrangement and come to know one another as men and women.

Penn's efforts to "Proclaim Liberty" in these new ways and in this new day depend for success on the interest and support of friends of liberty everywhere.

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July 19, 1960

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, twenty copies of the Tarplee speech. There is no charge.

Also sent under separate cover, is a copy of the Collins speech. You should have received the materials through the regular channels of this office. I'm sure they were mailed; but perhaps in your moving they were misplaced.

Yes, I did have a very good vacation at Penn. I will be going back the first week-end in August to speak to the Workshop group there.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Thirteen Thirty Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

July 16th, 1960

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear John:

Niel Tarplee has recently sent me a copy of his recent address which you published in your "Notable Addresses" series. I had not seen it before. Believe I can place 15 to 20 copies to advantage. Under what conditions could you make these available to us?

So much has been happening to us that I am not responsible if I have seen other copies of your "Notable Addresses" series and forgotten it. At the moment, I have no recollection of your publishing such. If there are other addresses in this series, series, please supply me with a sample copy of each.

Hope you had a grand vacation and that we may see you before too long.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs. Alice N. Spearman)
Executive Director

ANS/cah

August 10, 1960

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street, # 8
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, 25 copies of the news release. We are temporarily out of the Westfeldt pamphlet, but will mail them as soon as a new supply arrives here. It is expected any day now.

We are also out of A SECOND LOOK AT ATLANTA. This was done by the Atlanta Committee for Cooperative Action, Box 9055, Atlanta. I will try to get in touch with someone from that committee and see if they have additional copies.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

P.S. I have just talked with someone at ACCA and was informed that their supply of A SECOND LOOK is about exhausted. However, they are re-ordering copies and you may secure them by writing to the above address.

JC

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

Thirteen Thirty Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

August 9, 1960

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear John Constable:

If you have any expra copies of your news release--- for release Sunday, August 7, 1960, I shall appreciate 25 copies of it.

Also, I want 25 or more copies of the pamphlet by Wallace Westfeldt, "Settling a Sit-in." In addition, I would like as many as 25 or more copies of the pamphlet, "A Second Look at Atlanta."

I hope there is no charge for these, but if there is, please let me know the amount.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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Order for Settling a Sit-In
ordered 8/12/60

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Order submitted 8/17/60

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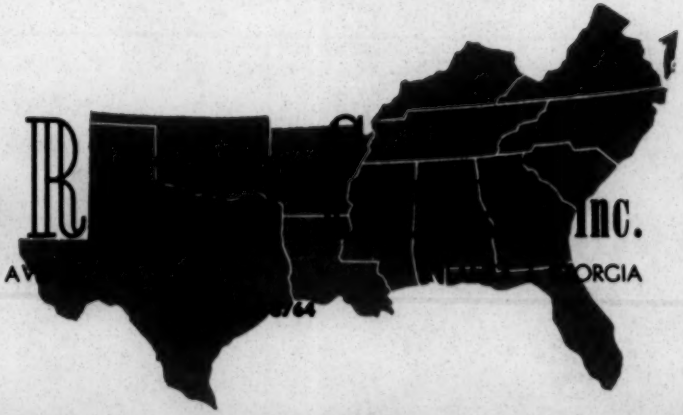

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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

INTEROFFICE MEMO

Date August 12, 1960

To: Alice Spearman

From: John Constable

Subject: "A Southern Point of View"

100 copies — now!
Thanks.
Alice M. Spearman

We have an ample supply of this reprint available to the State groups if they can be of use.

No matrices

JAMES M. DABBS, PRESIDENT
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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

September 30, 1960

Miss Cummings -
This has come. Thank you.
Katherine Jones

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Young:

We received your card of September 29th requesting that we send you Dime Store Demonstrations as soon as possible.

During the weekof September 13th we mailed you 60 copies of Lunch Counter Desegregation in Winston-Salem and 60 copies of Dime Store Demonstrations. This order should have reached you by this time. We sincerely hope it turns up because we do not have an additional 60 copies to send you.

Please let us know if you receive the copies.

Sincerely,

Luel E. Cummings
(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mr. Constable

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Thirteen Thirty Laurel St-No 8
Columbia, S.C.

October 8-1960

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St N.W - Room 201
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear John:

I have an immediate need for 25 copies of "Employment Opportunities For Nashville Negroes" by Vivian W. Henderson.

I should like to have as many as 50 copies to use at the workshop on employment which we are planning to hold in Columbia on Tuesday, Nov. 1st. I can use as many copies beyond this number as you can supply. I feel that there are many persons in our V.I.P. file who would benefit from reading this.

Thank you for sending the copy of the re-printed editorial from the Christian Century of Aug. 24 "Let us Kneel-in Together?" We can use 100 of these to advantage, and twice that number if you can spare them.

I believe that I have written you about the item in our budget for distribution, which has been made possible by small foundation grants. Incidentally, we are not flush, but don't want to chisel. Please advise if and when there are charges for materials requested.

Cordially yours,
(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

N.B. Please excuse pen - typewriter broken.
C.C.W
Seay,

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October 18, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Could you indicate how many of the Tarplee pamphlets you can use and then I will see if we can give you that many.

As to the hotel facilities, I have referred that to the Research Department which handled the original survey.

Let me know as soon as possible about the Tarplee pamphlets and we will send them to you as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

John

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Dear John,

We have a new worker who will be interviewing religious leaders for a concentrated period of time--- she can use to advantage at least 50 copies.

One of our valued Charleston members wrote recently suggesting that we make a wide distribution of the Tarplee pamphlet to Episcopalians, and key figures in other denominations. We will get her help after we have our Nov. 1st meetings(including annual membership business meeting ~~here~~ and write again them. ALICE

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

December 7, 1960

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear John:

I notice in the October-November Tenness ee Council Newsletter that SRC has agreed to assist in having NEW SOUTH subscriptions conform to Tennessee's new fiscal year— calendar year. For a long time we have wished that there might be some easier way of billing for membership than on the monthly basis which sonforms to the NEW SOUTH subscription date.

Any suggestions you may have for simplifying this matter in line with arrangements made with the Tennessee Council will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah
Signed in Mrs. Spearman's absence

December 19, 1960

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Miss Baker was due to go in the hospital on the 15th, but she has delayed this and will probably not enter the hospital until after Christmas.

The secretary at the student YWCA said she will let me know when Miss Baker actually enters the hospital and I will see that see receives something appropriate from you.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 11, 1961

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Ella Baker entered the hospital yesterday and her operation is expected today. I understand from a secretary in her office that Ella likes green plants but is slightly allergic to cut flowers, and so I had sent a dish garden of green plants which comes to $3.61. I, of course, had the florist include a card with your best wishes.

Hope you had a wonderful holiday season and I am looking forward to seeing you at the state staff meeting.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lsc

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

December 17, 1960

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear John:

I am asking a special favor. Miss Ella J. Baker, who is on a temporary assignment to the student division of the YWCA, suite 701, 41 Exchange Place S.E., Atlanta 3, Ga., is scheduled to enter an Atlanta hospital for the removal of a cataract.

I shall appreciate t if you can secure for me her hospital address and a report on her progress.

I am only a couple of steps in front of the sheriff, but would like to send a small plant or some flowers to Miss Baker. Knowing of your interest along this line, I am wondering if you could possibly find it convenient to select something for me and bill me? With Miss Baker, I am sure it will be the thought that counts most so hit my pocketbook as lightly as you can.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

ANS/cah (Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman

Signed in Mrs. Spearman's absence

Dear copy

March 17, 1961

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Will be pleased to do the proposed article on ARC.

Think it is quite an accomplishment for the group. What length? Newspapers are usually fussy about length and I'd want to know so that the article would require little, if any cutting. I wouldn't want to trust anyone to do too much cutting. Is there a deadline?

It was good seeing you at the staff meeting.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

March 16, 1961

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear John:

A committee of the Rock Hill Council on Human Relations has a tentative agreement with the editor of the ROCK HILL EVENING JOURNAL to carry brief articles concerning the program and purposes of the most outstanding organizations working in the South in the area of human relations. Specifically, a statement as to the objectives of Southern Regional Council, its present program, resources for assisting the South to make orderly transitions, a brief historic back ground, is about what we would like to have from you.

Would you be willing to perform this service for us?

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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June 7, 1961

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

"The Freedom Ride" report is available at ten cents per copy for usual distribution. However, as with other materials from the Council, if you would indicate quantity and the kind of use you hope to make of particular pieces, we sometimes can give you a reduction and often materials which would be for sale to other persons would be available free to the Councils. If you could indicate the quantity of this particular report and the uses, I will let you know about the particular circumstance.

I don't know when I will be able to get to Penn Community this summer. As you may know, I will be leaving the Council sometimes during the summer for a different job. I hope to go to Penn at least for a week-end and if there is time between jobs for a longer period.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

At what price are additional copies of SPECIAL REPORT. The Freedom Ride, May 1961 available? Is the quantity limited?

It would help if this information were given us when each new piece is mailed to us. Many thanks.

When and where will you take your vacation this summer? The Penn Guest House will be vacated by the Richards in July, I believe. Have a good time! Appreciatively,

Alice S. Spearman

May 4, 1961

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I was sorry to learn that the article for the Rock Hill Evening Herald had to be tabled for the present time, but I can understand the difficulty presented.

"This I Believe" is available from the Council at two cents a copy. This will be exactly as presented in NEW SOUTH with the exception of the different quality of paper. If you will note in NEW SOUTH, you will see that this is, in effect, an insert type article and so we had a goodly number of additional copies run for distribution to other persons other than NEW SOUTH subscribers.

Let me know if you can use some of them.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lcc

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

May 3, 1961

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear John:

I was most appreciative of your ready response and willingness to prepare an article for use in the Rock Hill Evening Herald. We may call upon you later, but for the moment the situation in Rock Hill has again become quite tense and plans tentatively laid with the editor have been tabled.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman
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(Mrs.) Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/cah

Dear John,

At what price are copies of THIS I BELIEVE available in the form inserted in the April 1961 issue of New South? ____

In the original form? ____ ?

Please quote prices in quantity lots.

Many thanks!

Alice M. Spearman

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THE NEW WORLD FOUNDATION

475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NEW YORK 27, NEW YORK

VERNON A. EAGLE
Executive Director

January 9, 1963

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services, Incorporated
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Siceloff:

After your latest talk with Mr. Eagle, he mentioned that you might be sending in some papers requesting support for a Rural Conference. But all I can find is your handwritten note to him of December 18 -- which I regret to see has not been acknowledged. He will be returning to the office toward the end of the month and I thought I had better ask whether there was more correspondence that might have gone astray in the holiday mails. Could you bring me up to date?

Sincerely,

Winifred G. Meskus
Assistant Secretary

Paul—
It looks as if we may not hear from Vernon for awhile, yet our plans for Conference are going full blast. Have had good acceptances from Federal officials but have just written S.C. administrators. Very hopeful. Hope you can tentatively line up consultant to handle reporting, in case grant comes through. Can you make it also?

SB KWD PA mm

January 10, 1963

Mr. Vernon Eagle
The New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Vernon Eagle:

One month ago Mr. William Clement and I discussed with you the possibility of holding a conference here at Penn in mid February concerning Federal programs and the extent of availability to non-white. We have proceeded with planning for this conference and have some more details to submit to you.

This conference, to be entitled Training Programs Jobs for South Carolinians, will discuss Rural Areas Development, the Area Redevelopment Act, and the various training programs conducted with Federal assistance. Several of these programs are specifically designed for the unemployed and the underemployed. For instance to be eligible for the ARA Training Programs and loans for businesses, a county must have an average family income of under $2,000. In South Carolina one-half of the counties are eligible for this aid. In comparing the income of white families and Negro families within these counties, it is often found that it has been the low level of Negro income that makes a county eligible for such aid. In spite of this few Negroes participate in any of these Federal programs.

The plan of the conference is to have the Federal administrators of these programs outline the scope of the programs. The administrators of these programs in South Carolina will then be invited to discuss how the programs are operating in South Carolina. Finally Negro representatives from as many of the counties as possible will attend to hear about these programs. It is expected that as a result of this conference there will be a conscious effort on the part of all concerned to see that these programs will reach Negroes. The Southern Regional Council has agreed to hire a consultant to write up the conference, duplicate the results and then distribute the report to groups throughout the South.

A number of persons have already accepted invitations to this program. Among those who have accepted are Mr. John Baker, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; Mr. A. T. Mace, Director of RAD, and Mr. Alvin Stertroen, from the Department of Labor. We have not received word from the other administrators, but anticipate an affirmative reply.

Penn Community Services is requesting a grant of $2,000 to conduct this important conference. We are anticipating that the administrators of the programs, who will be the speakers, will pay their own expenses, as several of them did in a similar conference. The New World grant would provide the accommodations for the conference being held at Penn, would provide assistance in travel for Negroes in the conference and to Southern Regional Council for writing, duplicating and distributing the report. The United Presbyterian Church and possibly the Congress of Racial Equality will likewise provide some funds for travel of participants. A proposed budget is attached.

Also attached is a memorandum from the Commission on Civil Rights indicating that they are undertaking a national survey in the fields of training which will be discussed at the conference in February. Their study underlines the importance of this conference.

If you need any further information or would like additional material, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

cs/bbm

cc: ✓ Mr. Paul Anthony
Mrs. Alice N. Spearman

bc: Mr. Marion Wright
Mr. William Clement

PROPOSET BUDGET

CONFERENCE ON TRAINING PROGRAMS AND

JOBS FOR SOUTH CAROLINIANS

Penn Community Services, Inc.

February 13-15, 1963

Accommodations - 100 persons	$ 800.	
Travel Assistance	250.	
Administrative Expenses	200.	$1250.
Writing, Duplicating, and Distributing Report (by Southern Regional Council)		750.
		$ 2000.

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January 22, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I am glad that you and the others at SRC think well of the idea about which I phoned Les.

The reasoning behind the suggestion is that, as valuable as research may be per se, its chief value lies in production of change. The excellent study of the participation by Negro farmers of nine South Carolina counties in benefits of Federal agricultural programs seems to afford unique opportunity to relate research to action. Indeed, the value of the research will be measured in terms of the reformations it triggers.

Hence, the idea occurred to Courtney Siceloff and myself that we might aid the cause by holding at Penn a conference having the following general features:

1. We would bring to Penn for a one or two day session:

   a. The county farm agents and their Negro assistants.
   b. The home demonstration agents and their Negro assistants.
   c. The local governmental administrators in charge of the programs analyzed in the SRC treatise.
   d. Representative Negro farmers who could relate their experiences.
   e. Newspaper editors from the counties involved, if they would come.
   f. Leading Negro teachers and such workers.

(This list is merely suggestive and may be altered after more thorough discussion.)

In addition, we would want to have present one or more responsible officials from the Department of Agriculture who would observe and participate in the discussion.

We would also have a South Carolina economist such as Dr. George Aull of Clemson or Dr. Sam Derrick of the University of South Carolina.

2. The matters discussed at such conference would cover the following general topics, also subject to change after reflection and discussion:

a. Education of Negro farmers as to benefits.
b. Overcoming apathy.
c. Comparison of interest rates, terms and conditions of loans - government and private.
d. Is there white resistance or opposition to Negro membership on local committees?
   1. If so, why?
   2. Can it be overcome?
   3. If so, how?
   4. Is Negro membership desirable?
      a. If so, why?
      b. How remedied.
e. A full explanation for the education of the Negro farmers of the benefits to which they are entitled under the Government programs.

This agenda can, no doubt, be revised and improved but is intended to be suggestive.

3. As to the area from which the invitees would come, and because of physical and financial reasons we might at this conference exclude Lee, Calhoun, Clarendon and Williamsburg Counties since they are somewhat remote from Penn and would present problems of transportation, etc.

Because they are contiguous to Penn and present much the same problem, it might be advisable to invite representatives from Barnwell, Bamberg, Allendale and Hampton Counties (included in the SRC study) and Jasper, Beaufort, Colleton, Dorchester and Charleston Counties. If you will look at a South Carolina map you will see the point that I have in mind.

We could take a kind of dry run with this conference and, if results warranted, have later conferences involving other counties.

Again, this is tentative and subject to change.

All that Penn would like SRC to do at the present time is to give us what Mrs. Spearman would call the benefit of your thinking and your frank expression as to anything which may improve the proposed conference. I hope to go to Washington in a few days to talk with some people in the Department of Agriculture and see whether or not they think the idea a sound one and, important also, if they could pick up the tab for such a conference or direct us to a source.

If all went well we would hope by a series of conferences ultimately to cover the state. For the present, we feel that our ambition should not be immoderate and that we try to do a good job on a few counties and pick up experience which would serve us well as to the others.

After we have talked with the folks in Washington, I or Courtney would want to get in touch with you and agree upon the final details of the sort of thing we have in mind.

I have written at great length but it seems essential to do so in order that we may understand each other.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright

MAW:mg
cc: Courtney Siceloff

January 30, 1963

Dr. Charles H. Thomas, Jr.
School of Education
South Carolina State College
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Thomas:

We are delighted that you will be able to participate in the conference from February 13-15. We have accommodations here at Penn for meals and lodging and hope that you will stay with us. The travel for which you will be reimbursed will cover your trip from Orangeburg, and return.

I am enclosing a copy of the tentative program. As you will note, we are having quite a number of participants and I think it would be difficult to get their speeches in advance. Since so much material will be covered, I would not think it necessary to go in detail into any particular presentation. In making the summary, one might point out the high points of the programs, where these programs are not reaching particularly Negroes in South Carolina, and what has to be done to see that they are available to everyone.

The Southern Regional Council will have someone here to write up this conference, and I should think it would be helpful to compare notes with that person in preparing your summary.

We look forward to seeing you on February 13.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

cc: Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. NW
Atlanta, Georgia

hope your man is
I suppose won't mind
sharing notes.

Dear Paul,

Hayes Mizell just phoned to say he has arranged to undertake the work you are asking him to do at the Penn Conference.

We shall provide him with a program and he like you to write spelling out the job and the $35 per diem and expenses arrangement —

Off to Muskins

Alice

2-4-63

February 7, 1962

Mr. M. A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your detailed letter about the proposed conference. It is being shared with Les and Sealge. Frankly, my knowledge about matters rural is so limited that I can offer little in the way of ideas. It does seem good to have the initial effort small and flexible, with the idea that it can be duplicated or altered after the first experience.

Did you have any success in Washington?

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

February 8, 1963

Mr. Hayes Mizell
1015 Henderson Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Mizell:

We are pleased to learn you will help us at the Penn Conference. Basically, we need someone to keep an accurate but not too detailed record of proceedings, speeches and reports of the conference and to collect all of those materials (which will be available there) describing the government programs under discussion. Thereafter, we will need a rough draft of a report which we hope will be generally useful for distribution throughout the South. The object being to disseminate the information brought to the conference to a larger audience than that in attendance.

I will work with you on this, but will not arrive at Frogmore until late Wednesday evening.

As Mrs. Spearman mentioned, the fee will be $101.00 ($35.00 per day for the time spent at the conference) plus travel and related expenses.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

Tentative Outline
TRAINING PROGRAMS AND JOBS
FOR RURAL SOUTH CAROLINIANS

Penn Conference Center - Frogmore, South Carolina - February 13-15, 1963

February 13:

Chairman Reline McCollum, District Supt. Methodist Church, Walterboro Dist.

11:00 A.M. Registration
12:00 Noon Lunch
1:00 P.M. Opening Session: RURAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT

Welcome and Purpose of Conference - L. S. James, St Council Human Rel.

A. What is RAD, How Does it Work, What Resources Available - to Community, to Individual
Speaker: A. T. Mace, Director, Office of Rural Areas Development

B. RAD in South Carolina - Specific Instances of Plans
Speaker: O. W. Lloyd, Rural Development Specialist, Clemson College
Non Discrimination

C. RAD and ~~Nonwhite~~. How Program Is and Is Not Reaching Negroes. How can it do so more effectively?
Speaker: ~~Harry Bass, Assistant to Director, RAD~~ (?)
Dr L. P. Potts special Asst To Secretary of Agriculture

2:30 - 3:30 Discussion

3:30 - 4:00 Coffee Break

4:00 - 5:00 WORKSHOPS: Cooperatives Job SAVAGE, Director, Purchasing Div, Farmers Cooperative Service
Rural Housing Loans
Credit Unions
County Agricultural Committees - IRA KAYE, Lawyer, South R. C. H.
Community Services, "
ALVIN STORTROEN, DOMESTIC FARM LAB Dept Labor

6:00 P.M. Supper

7:30 P.M. Keynote Address: RURAL SOUTH CAROLINA - 15 YEARS FROM NOW
Speaker:

February 14:

8:00 A.M. Breakfast

9:00 A.M. AREA REDEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
A. What is it, What Communities Eligible
Speaker: Wayne Shields, Senior Field Coordinator, Southeast Region, ARA

B. ARA in South Carolina - Instances of Program Helping Low Income Families
Speaker: GORDON BERRY
Non Discrimination

C. ARA and ~~Nonwhite~~ - Where Program Is and Is Not Reaching Negroes. What Can Be Done to Make it More Effective?
Speaker: George Robinson, Special Assistant for Community Organization, ARA

D. Two Experiences in Rural Development
   A. Fayette County, Tennessee
      Speaker: Allen Yancy

   b. Beaufort County, South Carolina
      Speaker: Jean Marot, Port Royal Industries

10:30 A.M. Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:00 Discussion

12:30 P.M. Lunch

1:30 FEDERAL AND STATE TRAINING PROGRAMS
A. ARA Training
   Speaker: Miss Anne Gould, Training Coordinator, ARA

B. MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING ACT
   Speaker: William Mirengoff, ~~Division Chief~~ Deputy Asst Director
   Office Manpower, Automation and Training
C. NATIONAL DEFENCE EDUCATION ACT (TITLE VIII)
   Speaker: ~~Dr. Walter Arnold~~ Director, Vocational
   and Technical Education, U. S. Office of Education
D. S. C. Programs FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING UNDER ARA,
   MDTA, NDEA (TITLE VIII)
   Speaker: R. D. Anderson, Director Vocational Education,
   S. C. Department of Education
E. TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTERS, —
   SPEAKER = MR. JOHN HILLS, Director, Division TECHNICAL SERVICES, STATE COMMITTEE FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION

~~3:50 - 3:10~~ Coffee Break
3:10 - 3:30
3:30 P.M. F. ROLE OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN RETRAINING PROGRAMS
   Speaker: Arthur Chapin, Bureau Employment Security
G. SELECTION AND PLACEMENT FOR S. C. TRAINING PROGRAMS
~~3:50 - 5:00~~ P.M. Discussion Mr Keith Aull, Director, SC Employment Security
4:10 - 5:30

6:00 P.M. Supper

7:30 RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE
Speaker: (1) Dean Potts, Special Assistant to Secretary of Agriculture
   (2) John Baker, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture

February 15:
8:00 A.M. Breakfast

9:00 A.M. WHO IN SOUTH CAROLINA CAN SEE THAT PROGRAMS REACH ALL OF THE PEOPLE?
1. Role of Extension Agents, O W Sloyd(?)
2. Role of Vocational Agriculture Teachers NE Gore State Supv. Vocational Agriculture
3. Role of Guidance Teachers, Miss Ellen Lyles State Supv. Guidance Counselor
4. Role of ~~Specialized Federal Agencies~~ Technical Action Group
   Speaker: Mr. John Lovorn, Director Rural Renewal Division, ARA
5. Role Private organizations - Alice Spencer

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE ~~Dr. C. H. Thomas~~ Dr. Prof. of Education, SC STATE College, Orangeburg

12:30 Lunch

FEBRUARY 13

WEDNESDAY

Chairman: REV. M. D. McCOLLOM

District Superintendent of the Methodist Church Walterboro District

11:00 A.M.—REGISTRATION

12:00 N. —LUNCH

1:00 P.M.—RURAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT

WELCOME: Courtney Siceloff, Director of Penn Center

PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE: L. S. James, South Carolina Council on Human Relations

A. WHAT IS RAD, How does it work, What resources are available to communities and individuals: A. T. Mace, Director, Office of Rural Areas Development

B. RAD IS SOUTH CADOLINA, Special plans: O. W. Lloyd, Rural Development Specialist, Clemson College

C. RAD AND NON-DISCRIMINATION, How the program is and is not reaching Negroes, How it can reach them more effectively: Dr. L. P. Potts, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture

2:30 P.M.—DISCUSSION

3:30 P.M.—COFFEE BREAK

4:00 P.M.—WORKSHOPS

Cooperatives. Job Savage, Director, Management Services Division, Farmer's Cooperative Service

Rural Housing Loans: James K. Barnes, Area Supervisor, FHA

Credit Unions: Sidney Gillikin, Federal Examiner for Credit Union

County Agricultural Committees: Ira Kaye, Lawyer, Sumter, S. C.

Community Services: Alvin Stortroen, Domestic Farm Labor, Department of Labor

6:00 P.M.—DINNER

7:30 P.M.—KEYNOTE ADDRESS

"The Rural South 15 Years From Now", Dr. Gilbert Hardee, Assistant Professor of Sociology, N. C. State College

FEBRUARY 14

THURSDAY

8:00 A.M.—BREAKFAST

9:00 A.M.—AREA REDEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

A. WHAT IT IS, Which communities are eligible: Wayne Shields, Senior Field Coordinator, Southeast Region, A.R.A.

B. ARA IN SOUTH CAROLINA, Instances of the program helping low income families: Gordon Berry, A.R.A. Coordinator for S. C.

C. ARA AND NON-DISCRIMINATION, Where the porgram is and is not reaching Negroes, and what can be done to make it more effective: George Robinson, Special Assistant for Community Organization

D. TWO EXPERIENCES in Rural Development

1—Fayette County, Tennessee: Allen Yancey

2—Beaufort County, South Carolina: Jean Morot, Port Royal Industries

10:30 A.M.—COFFEE BREAK

11:00 A.M.—DISCUSSION

12:30 P.M.—LUNCH

1:30 P.M.—FEDERAL AND STATE TRAINING PROGRAMS

A. ARA TRAINING: Miss Anne Gould, Training Coordinator, ARA

B. MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING ACT: William Mirengoff, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Manpower, Automation and Training

C. NATIONAL DEFENCE EDUCATION ACT (TITLE VIII): Dr. Roy W. Dugger, Director of Manpower, Development and Training Services, U. S. Office of Education

D. SOUTH CAROLINA PROGRAMS FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING UNDER ARA, MDTA, AND NDEA (TITLE VIII): R. D. Anderson, Director of Vocational Education, South Carolina Department of Education

E. TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTERS: John Hills, Director, Division of Technical Services, State Committee for Technical Education

3:10 P.M.—COFFEE BREAK

3:30 P.M.—

F. ROLE OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN RE-TRAINING PROGRAMS: Arthur Chapin, Bureau of Employment Security, U. S. Department of Labor

G. SELECTION AND PLACEMENT FOR S. C. TRAINING PROGRAMS: Keith Aull, Director, South Carolina Employment Security

4:10 P.M.—DISCUSSION

6:00 P.M.—DINNER

7:30 P.M.—RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE
John Baker, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture

FEBRUARY 15

FRIDAY

8:00 A.M.—BREAKFAST

9:00 A.M.—WHO IN SOUTH CAROLINA CAN SEE THAT PROGRAMS REACH ALL OF THE PEOPLE?

A. ROLE OF EXTENSION AGENT: O. W. Lloyd

B. ROLE OF VOCATION AGRICULTURE TEACHERS: W. E. Gore, State Superintendent of Vocational Agriculture, S. C. Department of Education

C. ROLE OF GUIDANCE TEACHERS: Miss Ellen Lyles, State Supervisor of Guidance Services, S. C. Department of Education

D. ROLE OF TECHNICAL ACTION PANEL: John Lovorn, Director of Rural Renewal Division, F.H.A., U.S. Department of Agriculture

E. ROLE OF PRIVATE AGENCIES: Mrs. Alice Spearman, Executive Director, South Carolina Council on Human Relations

10:30 A.M.—COFFEE BREAK

11:00 A.M.—SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE
Dr. C. H. Thomas, Professor of Education, S. C. State College, Orangeburg, S. C.

12:30 P.M.—LUNCH

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ACCOMMODATIONS: Penn Center has dormitory facilities for over 100 people, with arrangements in private homes for overflow. The dining room serves all meals cafeteria style. Main sessions of the conference will be held in Frissell Auditorium on the Penn campus; discussion groups will be in the classroom building. All buildings are heated and linen is provided. There is no charge for sleeping accommodations or for meals.

REGISTRATION: To register for the conference, simply contact Mrs. Alice Spearman at the address below and notify her of your intention to register. There is no charge for registration. Room assignments will be made upon arrival at Penn Center.

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL
on HUMAN RELATIONS
1330 Laurel Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.
Mrs. Alice Spearman, Executive Director

TRAINING PROGRAMS and JOBS for RURAL SOUTH CAROLINIANS

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COPY — for your information

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 LAUREL STREET
Columbia, South Carolina

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{ name
organizational relationship; e.g. president, chm or other
address

Salutation

Enclosed you will find a program of a conference being held next week by the S. C. Council on Human Relations and the Penn Community Services. We believe that this conference will be one of the most significant 1963 offerings in South Carolina to present information on economic and training opportunities available through the Federal Government.

The need for citizens and for organizations to demonstrate compassion and to render assistance to the economically and educationally depressed people in our state of South Carolina has rarely been greater. We call upon you to join a growing group of persons dedicated to working for the elimination of poverty and for the up-grading and up-dating of the educational offerings to the unskilled and semi-skilled workers in our midst (often "school drop-outs".)

Should you or anyone from your group find it possible to attend the Conference and to learn first-hand about the resources available for raising standards in South Carolina, won't you return the enclosed registration blank to us right away?

Faithfully yours,

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman,
Director
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Ledeen,
Program Services
Mr. L. S. James,
Field Representative

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February 19, 1963

Mr. Vernon Eagle, Executive Director
The New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Vernon Eagle:

We have concluded our conference on "Training Programs and Jobs for Rural South Carolinians" and feel that it was quite a success.

The attendance ranged from 200 to 250. I believe this is remarkable, in view of the fact that our plans for the conference called for the Negro Farm Agents of the state to be authorized to come to the conference and bring persons from their own communities. The fact that the recruiting and transportation had to be done without the assistance of the Agents made this conference all the more a success. Alice Spearman and the Council on Human Relations were responsible for this recruiting, with considerable assistance from the United Presbyterian Church.

I think from all indications much of the material presented was entirely new to those participating, and feel certain that there will be increased demand from and participation of Negroes in these programs. I likewise believe that both the South Carolina and Washington officials are aware that most of these programs are not reaching adequately the Negroes of the state.

One result of the conference was seeing the position of the Agricultural Extension Service clearly defined. It was quite obvious that the conference was being boycotted by all persons connected with this Service. Negro Agents were told that they could take leave to attend the conference and pay for their own transportation, but actually they were discouraged from doing even this. It has long been obvious to many of us in the state how restricted the activity of Negro agents is. At least this matter was brought out in the open at the conference.

I am enclosing copies of the news stories that appeared in the Charleston News & Courier on the conference. We felt our news coverage was good and exceptionally fair, in contrast to previous experience with this paper.

We are not able at this point to submit a financial statement, but will do so when all of our bills have been taken care of.

We do wish to express appreciation to the New World Foundation for making this conference possible.

Sincerely,

Courtney Siceloff

cc: Paul Anthony
Alice Spearman
Marion A. Wright

Sorry got to see so little of you at the conf.

MM

1015 Henderson Street
Columbia, South Carolina
February 20, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
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Dear Paul:

It was a pleasure to meet and get to know you at Frogmore last week, and I hope that you managed to get away and catch your plane on time. I enjoyed the conference, of course, and feel that I learned a great deal from the experience.

This letter is to let you know that I will not be able to get the report to you this week as I had promised. I have been having quite a time catching up on my notes for the courses that I take at Carolina, and then I also am working full-time. As I told you I leave for Washington, D.C., tomorrow night, so that will cut my week in half. All in all, things have been so hectic that I only been able to look over the material and realize that the summation will be a more difficult task than I had realized.

I just wanted to let you know that there will be a delay, but I certainly hope to complete the report by the end of next week.

Sincerely,

Hayes

M. Hayes Mizell

Penn conf

March 15, 1963

Mr. M. Hayes Mizell
1015 Henderson Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Hayes:

Thank you for the report. It's quite good.

A copy has been sent to Courtney Siceloff and when we have his reaction we will do some editing and produce a mimeographed report of which we'll send you a copy.

It was a pleasure working with you. Hope we have an occasion to do so again soon.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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1015 Henderson Street
Columbia, South Carolina
March 10, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
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Dear Paul:

Enclosed you will find the report of the conference on "Training Programs and Jobs for Rural South Carolinians" held at Penn Center February 13-15, 1963.

I hope that you will find this satisfactory, but if not don't hesitate to let me know what additional information you might require. As you will remember we were both pretty hazy on what form the report should take so I just "played it by ear." I felt that the federal programs which were discussed were the most important items on the conference agenda and the ones of the greatest interest. For this reason I concentrated exclusively on these programs which were discussed.

I also felt that for your purposes the federal programs were the only ones of such a general nature that they would pertain to all of the states covered by the Southern Regional Council. I felt that a great deal of the information given by the speakers at the conference was either repetitive or of local interest and perhaps this accounts for the brevity of the report.

As instructed, I did pick up all of the available material and I have it if you want it for any reason.

I sincerely appreciate this opportunity to perform this little task for SRC and I hope that it will meet with your approval. If it falls short of what you had in mind, however, please let me know. In any case I will be interested in your reaction.

Many thanks for giving me this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Hayes

M. Hayes Mizell

March 19, 1963
Dict. March 15

Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I was indeed pleased to see the draft of the report by Hayes. I think it is unusually well written, factual and easy to read.

The suggestions that I have to make (see attached sheet) should be considered in the light of what you wish to do with this report. As it is presently written, the report is factual as to what the programs are and leaves the impression with me that all that is required is an awareness of the program and application to the nearest office.

My own feeling, however, is that the report should be a much more hard-hitting one, indicating where federal support is involved, how locally administered programs are by and large by-passing the Negro, and what the individual can do to take advantage of the programs. However, I will leave this decision with you, and the enclosed comments will have little bearing, should you follow the type report the draft consists of.

I believe I told you that Tom Barnwell and I would be leaving for Puerto Rico on the 16th, to return on the 28th. There would be no need of your submitting a revised draft. I suggest that you duplicate the report when ready.

Incidentally, in the distribution, I think each of the participants would want a copy. I have sent a list of those registered to Alice Spearman, with the addresses we had, asking her to fill in any additional ones. We have not received this back from Alice, and perhaps she can supply it directly to you.

As to the report itself, I am raising questions with several of the programs. I am fairly sure of my statements, but they would probably need to be checked with the regional offices in Atlanta. I find that local officials here have only the haziest notions of the various programs.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Courtney Siceloff

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NOTES AND COMMENTS ON MIZELL DRAFT REPORT ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Rural Areas Development

RAD: It would seem to me advisable that a clear definition be made between RAD and ARA. The first paragraph on page 4 might well come at the beginning of the description of the program to make it clearer. This program is available in every county, whereas ARA is limited to certain specified counties. RAD has no new money or program but is a coordination of existing federal agencies.

In the third paragraph on page 2, it mentions that RAD will "train and retrain." RAD in itself does not have a training program, whereas ARA does. Of course, the MDTA is available everywhere, and by coordinating these agencies, perhaps RAD could enlist the MDTA. To me, however, the statement is misleading when it says RAD will train.

Perhaps items that can be listed under RAD would include:

(1) An RAD committee may already exist in one's own County, but Negroes and others might well be unaware of it. The County Agent, of course, would be able to say.

(2) While it is stated in the third paragraph on page 3 that RAD should be representative of all persons, most committees are without Negro representatives, but I do not know of specific figures in this respect. An individual could seek such representation through the County Agent and if with no result, then through Farmers Home Administration -- first on a local, then state, then federal level.

(3) Since the RAD has no special funds, one does not have the leverage that exists in specific programs as ARA and retraining. Of course these coordinating agencies are federally financed, but they do not seem very sensitive in the matter of having full representation, as brought out in Ira Kaye's report.

Farmers Home Administration

In the second sentence of the second paragraph on page 4, I believe the correct term is "technical action panels."

In the same paragraph, three communities are mentioned as being helped by RAD. I would think that this would have come from ARA instead. Perhaps a regional person could confirm this.

ARA: I wonder if the ARA should not be discussed beginning at the bottom of page 4, since there is such a parallel, program-wise, between ARA and RAD. If done in this manner, the training programs would be described later.

MDTA: On page 5, the second paragraph beginning "There is no cost..." In line 8 of that paragraph, I believe the word should be employed rather than unemployed. This appears to describe the on-the-job training. Here are some other comments on MDTA:

(1) In addition to the statement of need for a demand in the area, mentioned in the last sentence of paragraph 3 on page 5, the one beginning "In order to apply...", I believe it would be necessary that a sufficient demand be needed in that community to set up a class, rather than on an individual basis.

(2) In the same paragraph, it states that an individual should apply to the local employment office. I cannot be sure, but I believe most classes are made up of local persons, and that there are few referrals to training classes elsewhere. It would seem to me that emphasis should be toward setting up a class in one's particular area. Since the employment office is supposed to make a labor survey of the area to determine needs, an individual should ask for a survey and its results, with a class or classes to be set up following this.

My understanding is that the selection of the trainees by the employment office does not depend only on the initiative of the unemployed. The manager is to go through the rolls and suggest application. However, the director of Employment Security in South Carolina stated that a referral of a Negro to a "white" course would kill the program. Employment Security is already under a prohibition against discrimination in referrals, but blatantly follows this practice in the set-up of the training programs.

(3) On page 5, second paragraph begins "There is no cost for this training..." To me the big factor here is that the program is 100% federally financed, and individuals should use this leverage. MDTA operates with Employment Security determining the need, selection of enrollees, and placement. The Department of Education, with its segregated policy in the South, has responsibility for setting up the course, instruction, and location of training. Provisions of this act call for a contract with HEW, which is signed for each course and includes the provision of no discrimination permitted in the program. This is completely ignored here, where the dual system of classes is followed. I am enclosing a list of MDTA programs in South Carolina. Note the type of instruction, as well as proportion of programs available to Negroes.

(MDTA, continued)

(4) The program is directed to unemployed and under-employed. It was stated at the conference that in South Caroline the median Negro income is one-third that of whites. Yet under the dual system in South Carolina, only three of the twelve existing programs are for Negroes.

(5) Page 6, third line from top of page: it is stated that the trainee will be placed. Of course Employment Security has responsibility, but does not guarantee placement of all trainees.

Area Redevelopment Administration (ARA)

Page 5, second paragraph, 5th line: I would substitute for "Such loans" the words "grants up to 50%." I believe this percentage (50%) of grant and program comes under the Accelerated Public Works provision.

On page 7, paragraph 3, are described loans for "public" facilities. My impression is that these loans are different from those grants for Accelerated Public Works, which I believe is referred to on page 5. If there is this difference, then I believe it would be better to find a better term than "public facilities", used in both instances.

In this connection, I am not sure if the words "public facilities" correctly describe the loans described on page 7. The draft indicates that they are to "promote the tourist industry" and I would assume that this does not mean it would be municipally owned.

Page 7, first paragraph, line 9: Should this not read, "why ARA assistance is necessary." Period, not question mark.

I think the important factor about ARA is that assistance in rural areas is given where the income is below a certain level. Studies have shown that many counties in the South are eligible only because of low Negro income. Yet when the OADP is drawn up, usually by an all-white committee, it decides on a factory to employ all-white personnel, and the group who should be benefitting from this act are completely by-passed. There is no provision whatsoever for equal employment opportunity in industries set up with ARA assistance.

ARA loans to these industries require community and owner participation up to 35%, so that there is not as much leverage as in other fully financed programs. However, the ARA training is fully federally financed, but most often limited to white persons only, for training in factories.

The technical assistance mentioned on page 8, second paragraph, should be particularly stressed. Those not in the power structure are hardly in position to recommend an industry to the ARA committee that would employ Negroes. However, a local committee or individual could request the ARA committee for the technical assistance whereby a consultant would come in to the area to make a survey and make recommendations on the type of industry for that area. This is what happened in Fayette County, Tennessee, where the local ARA committee was composed of persons strongly in opposition to Negroes involved in the voter registration campaign. Federal personnel surveyed the area, drew up the plan, located an industry (which subsequently did not come) and then obtained acceptance from the local ARA committee. This was to have been described at our conference, but Fay Bennett could give you further information if you felt it helpful to give an example of how to get around local barriers.

Title VIII

The description of Title VIII on page 8 is very good. However, I think it should be pointed out concerning the extent of federal participation (I believe it to be 100%). Likewise, these courses are held in high schools and the new vocational training centers. As yet, there are no high school programs for Negroes under this Act and no Negro has been admitted to the one technical education center already opened in South Carolina. In an obvious move in the technical education center in Greenville, qualifying

scores were set at such a level as to have the effect of excluding Negroes. It would appear that Negroes have been excluded completely in the Title VIII program in South Carolina.

List of Names in Appendix

I would make several changes in the list of names. For instance, if this is to be distributed in places other than South Carolina, three of these persons are local officials -- Mr. O. W. LLoyd, Gorden Berry, and Sidney Gillikin. It might be well to list a state position rather than the name and address of these individuals.

Likewise, I would substitute Mr. William Batt, Administrator, ARA, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., for the name of Wayne Shields. Another substitution would be for MDTA, Title VIII. Instead of Dr. Roy Dugger and Dr. Edwin L. Rumpf, I would substitute this name:

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Assistant Commissioner for Vocational and Technical Education
Office of Education
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

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I would insert "MDTA" under the name of Mr. William Mirengoff.

Bibliography

In place of giving a page and a half to cooperative booklets, I would state that there is a packet containing booklets on cooperatives and credit unions, to be obtained from Farmers' Cooperative Service, rather than listing each one.

I would reduce or omit the pamphlets on migratory labor, which was only briefly touched on in one of the workshops, and not referred to in this report.

Courtney Siceloff

Penn Community Services, Inc.
Frogmore, S. C.
March 15, 1963

Misell manuscript -

Within the next ~~fifteen~~ 15 years the rural South will be less populated, will have fewer small farms, practically no sharecroppers, and there will be a considerable decline in the demand for unskilled laborers. These facts were recently discussed by Dr. J. Gilbert Hardee, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at North Carolina State College ~~when he spoke~~ at the "Conference on Training Programs and Jobs for Rural South Carolinians" sponsored by Penn Community Services and the South Carolina Council on Human Relations.

Dr. Hardee pointed out that just as the rural South has become less populated during the past ten years, so will this trend continue in the next ~~fifteen~~ 15 years. As small farms become less profitable, many people will move to the urban areas to find employment which yields a higher guaranteed income. Thus as the remaining farms grow in size and make technological improvements in order to receive a higher profit from the increased capital expenditure which will be required, more labor will be released for other employment. Much of this surplus labor will be poorly educated, untrained for any position other than agricultural employment, and unable to keep pace with the rapid technological changes occurring in all fields of employment.

The federal government has recognized that unless this surplus labor is provided with the training and skills required for productive employment in the farm and nonfarm areas, unemployment can be expected to increase. In order to meet the challenge of this problem, the government has established a number of agencies to aid in training and retraining those workers who have been displaced by the revolution in rural farming. So that these people will then have a place to work, these agencies also aid and encourage the establishment of industries and commercial enterprises in rural or underdeveloped areas. But the

agencies seek not only to create industry and equip the workers with the necessary skills for employment, they are also vitally interested in helping to improve the life of the small farmer who is still in operation and living in the existing rural community. ~~It is~~ The government ~~is desire~~ desires to do all that is possible to help the farmer ~~so that~~ make his business ~~will be more~~ productive, and his life more pleasant for his family and meaningful to his community.

One such government AGENCY IS the Rural Areas Development program under the administration of the United States Department of Agriculture. This program is primarily concerned with the total economic development of the rural community. It assists rural communities in developing the total resources of the area, helps to discover the conditions that cause low income and unemployment, and establishes the organizational framework necessary for the people to unite and improve the economic development of their community. With the help of Rural Areas Development (RAD) officials, the people of a rural area can work to develop an awareness and understanding of unemployment and how this critical problem can be solved.

RAD seeks to create more rural industry to absorb the unemployed. ~~and they also train and retrain the unemployed so that they can work in this industry. RAD~~ IT ALSO examines public facilities to see which one are missing and how they can be brought in to the community. In order to provide more recreation and more jobs through recreation, RAD encourages the expansion of recreational facilities in the rural area.

The key to the success of the RAD program is local initiative. Rural Areas Development can ~~only~~ be truly effective ~~and significant~~ to the whole community ONLY if it is begun in the local rural area by ~~the local~~ people who are thoroughly familiar with the problems and potentials of their region. In no event will RAD try to come in to the local

community and tell the people what to do. Such an action would be completely contrary to the whole RAD program.

In some instances the local county extension agent (sometimes called the "farm agent") will call a meeting of rural citizens ~~so that they can~~ (IN ORDER TO) discuss the present ecomonic situation in their area and ~~find out what are~~ (DETERMINE) the potentials for their community. In other cases, the initial meeting is called and organized by one or more local leaders who are interested in improving the economic status of their area. In any event, the extension agent should be consulted and brought in on the first meeting. ~~It is the agent who~~ He can offer his experience and education in this field ~~in order to make~~ (in making) the establishment of a productive project a much smoother and efficient operation. The agent should also be contacted for any information concerning RAD.

At the initial meeting of interested citizens a temporary chairman is usually selected to call other meetings. Every effort should be made to encourage <u>all</u> interest groups of the area to attend this meeting so that they ~~will have an opportunity to~~ (can) learn of the nature of the movement and contribute their ideas to it. Interest and participation in these meetings should not be restricted because of race* and the appointment of anyone to a committee should be based strictly on ability.

As this local committee becomes increasingly cohesive, it is important that it also becomes more organized. A chairman, an executive secretary, a steering committee, and a number of sub-committees should be selected. The sub-committees have the responsibility for making surveys and studies of special problems in their specific area of interest. Finally, the findings of these sub-committees are reported to the whole committee and specific proposals and long and short range goals are established.

* It should be noted, however, that most RAD local → (over)

[illegible] Negro organizations, even though Negroes actually [illegible] segment of the community most [illegible] need of better jobs and expanded recreational facilities. Individual Negroes could seek such representation through the county agent and if with no result, then through the Farmers Home Administration - first on a local, then state, then federal level.

When the local committee has selected a project, it ~~then~~ contacts the RAD office, usually through the county agent. The RAD office works primarily with the other federal agencies within the Department of Agriculture, and these agencies in turn assist the local communities in carrying out their selected project. Thus the RAD program is concerned, for the most part, with coordinating the myriad operations and agencies of the Agriculture Department so that they can better serve the local community.

The Farmers Home Administration, for example, ~~provides~~ coordinates educational leadership on the state and local levels in the form of "technical action panels" which then offer technical advice to the local committees. FHA also makes loans to farmers for nearly every type of home and farm improvement as well as loans to develop water supplies, disaster loans, loans for housing for senior citizens, etc. (See bibliography under FHA) The Rural Electrification Administration, the Forest Service, the Farmer Credit Association, the Soil Conservation Service, and the Farmer Cooperative Service are but a few of the more than twelve different agencies that work with the RAD program in order to improve the economic structure of the rural community. With the cooperation of these agencies, RAD has helped people in Summerville, Texas, to obtain a dependable water supply; it has helped citizens in Lyons County, Alabama, to get water for their homes; and it has aided the people of Chesterfield, South Carolina, in their project to establish a garment plant.

As has already been pointed out, there are many unemployed people who need to be trained or retrained ~~for~~ in a marketable skill. ~~so that they can find employment.~~ In order to do this, the Manpower Development Training Act (MDTA) was passed in 1962 to provide for the training and retraining of workers who are unemployed but who have the ability

to learn a skill needed in his area.

To be selected for training under the MDTA, a person must be unemployed or a member of a farm family with less than $1200 annual net family income. The act also provides for those persons who are working or who will be working less than full time or will become unemployed because their skills have become or are becoming obsolete. There is also a provision for those who are 16 years old but not yet 22 and who need further schooling or occupational training. Those persons who are working below their skill capacities also qualify for training.

There is no cost for this training, and in fact the trainees may be paid allowances during their training period if they qualify. Trainees are eligible for allowances if they are selected and enrolled in a training course, ~~and~~ are unemployed, are the head of a family or household, and have at least three years experience in gainful employment. There is also an allowance available to persons between 19 and 22 years of age who are unemployed, and there is a reduced allowance for those who are taking training while they are unemployed. When the training facility is not located within commuting distance of the trainees residence, there is a transportation and subsistence allowance for those who qualify.

In order to apply for training an individual should first visit his local State Employment Service office. Prospective trainees will be interviewed and counseled, and they will also be tested to determine their interests, suitability and aptitude for job training. It should be understood, however, that the trainee will receive training only for a skill for which there is a demand in his area.

If the trainee is selected by the State Employment Service, he will be referred to a specific vocational training course. The training period will vary depending on the skill that is being taught, but

trainee will be expected to maintain satisfactory attendence records and to make satisfactory progress in the course pursued. Following his training, the trainee will be ~~placed~~ assisted in finding a job by the State Employment Service.

The Area Redevelopment Administration (ARA) is another agency which makes an effort to encourage the establishment of local industry, reduce unemployment, and raise family incomes. Created in 1961, the ARA's primary functions are to give long-term, low-interest loans to help create new industry or expand existing industry. Grants up to 50% ~~Such loans~~ also are made to finance the building of ~~help build~~ public facilities which are needed by communities to help new industry. The ARA also provides programs to retrain jobless workers and provides subsistence allowances while these workers are in trainging. Technical assistance is also available so that communities can find answers to their economic problems.

Before an area can be designated as elgible for ARA help, it must ~~first~~ meet certain requirements. The ARA provides two sets of criteria for such a designation--one for urban areas and one for rural areas. Briefly, in the urban area there must be a current unemployment rate of 6% or more, or the annual average rate of unemployment must have been 50% above the national average in three of the preceding four calendar years; 75% above in two of the preceding three years; or 100% above in one of the preceding calendar years. For rural areas, there must be a low median farm income of $1,170 a year or less, a low median family income of $1,500 a year or less, or the area must be one with a labor force under 15,000 with substantial and persistent unemployment, or it must be an area of low production farming.

Like the RAD program, the success of the ARA hinges on the initiative and hard work of the local community. Before any community can be granted an ARA loan or any other form of ARA assistance, ~~that~~

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Insert: ARA differs from PAD in one notable respect: its programs are limited to certain selected and specified counties whereas any county is eligible for PAD assistance. Another important point to be noted about ARA is this: ARA assistance in rural areas is given where the income is below a certain level. Studies have shown that many counties in the South are eligible only because of low-Negro income. Yet there is no provision whatsoever for equal employment opportunities in industries set up with ARA assistance.

communities must first prepare and submit to the ARA an Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP). The OEDP is evidence that the community has carefully organized and planned its project so that it will know what steps must be taken to reach the objective. Essentially, then, the OEDP is a description of the organization and people behind the movement for community improvement and it is an assessment of the resources and facilities in the community. The OEDP also, however, is an evaluation of what roadblocks impede the progress the area wishes to make; in other words why ARA assistance is necessary. Too, the OEDP provides the ARA with the community's concrete program of action for creating new employment opportunities.

One of the Area Redevelopment Administration's most important functions is to provide loans. ~~These~~ commercial and industrial loans can run for as long as 25 years, have an annual interest rate of 4%, and can possibly provide as much as 65% of the total cost of the project. These loans are made, however, only in those cases where it is evident that the project cannot be financed from some other source.

The ARA also makes loans available to communities ~~who wishes~~ wishing to improve or extend their public facilities. Such loans are made only when it is clear that such an improvement of public facilities will make some contribution to permanent industrial and commercial employment. These loans are also available to projects which will promote the tourist industry and thus cause more people to be employed because of the increased tourist trade. The public facility loans also are given only when it is shown that alternative financing is not available. Grants will be made when there is no other source available to pay for the project and it appears that the project cannot be completed without ARA assistance.

The ARA also provides for a job retraining program quite similar

to the same type of program offered by the Manpower Development Training Act. The greatest difference between the two programs is that the ARA provides for a maximum period of training of only 16 weeks while the MDTA program offers a maximum training period of 52 weeks.

The ARA offers technical assistance to the local community too. Such assistance may be given when the community knows of the existence of a natural resource but does not know how such a resource can be properly exploited in order to offer more jobs. When a community redevelopment group is confronted by a lack of essential information necessary for the fullfillment of its project, then the ARA can provide technical assistance to obtain such information. In special cases technical assistance can be provided to help a community prepare an Overall Economic Development Program.

Title VIII of the National Defense Education Act is a training program geared to meet the demands for highly skilled workers. These skilled technicians are employed in such work as data processing, electronics, and even the maintenance of manned rockets. Such work, of course, requires individuals of above average intelligence. This program is usually instituted in high schools with the teaching of technical drafting, physics, technical report writing and technical math. For teaching electronics and others technical courses that require technical equipment, the program should not be begun if this equipment and proper financing is not available. More information concerning this program can be obtained from the United States Office of Education.

It should be pointed out that in each of the programs mentioned there is a need for close cooperation between the community and county, state, and federal officials. Such programs usually require patience and hard work on the part of the local community or the individual

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Courses offered under the Title VIII program are held in high schools and the new vocational training centers. As yet, however, there are no high school programs for Negroes in South Carolina, to cite one southern state, and no Negro has been admitted to the one technical education center already opened in South Carolina. Indeed, at this center, located in Greenville, qualifying scores were set at such a level as to have the effect of excluding Negroes. Thus it would appear that Negroes have been excluded completely in the Title VIII program in South Carolina.

citizen. It has been emphasized that RAD, FHA, etc. are aimed primarily at helping the little people, ~~and~~ giving them a larger share ~~in~~ of the nation's prosperity ~~and standard of living which is often taken for granted by so many people of the United States.~~ But such aid is not forthcoming without a great deal of effort by the interested citizens.

It is unfortunate, however, that more of the people who need to take advantage of these government programs do not know that these programs exist. Our government now has programs for most every need. The problem is that many people do not know how to institute the proceedings for beginning such a program or how to find out that such a program exists. We would suggest that when an individual or community has exhausted every local and state agency without finding some means of remedying his problem, the agencies of the federal government should then be contacted.

ABBREVIATIONS

ARA	Area Redevelopment Administration
FHA	Farmers Home Administration
NDEA	National Defence Education Act
RAD	Rural Areas Development
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture

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May 23, 1963

Paul Anthony
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Dear Paul:

I am trying to rush this copy back to you. The only question I would raise about the document would be the first sentence on page 1, where it is stated that the rural South will be less populated in the next fifteen years. I do not have regional statistics, which must be available in the Atlanta office of the Department of Commerce, but I think there has been a steady growth in rural non-farm population which may well offset the decline of rural farmers. While all trends point toward fewer on farms, I wonder if the rural non-farm would not more than make up for this loss of population. Hayes -- or Hardee, as the case may be -- may well be correct in that statement, though.

I have talked with Gregory Hinert, who indicated he would be contacting a Virginia industrialist and will be calling back. In the meantime, I called Sarah Herbin, director of Merit Employment for the Service Committee in High Point. She knows of a fine owner of a machine shop. After talking with Gregory, I may be able to determine which of the persons available would be of more value. I presume that if the North Carolinian is available, transportation could be provided.

I appreciate very much your help in this.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

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Anderson, South Carolina
May 26, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
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Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul,

I am curious to know what has happened to the report on the Penn Conference on Jobs and Training for Rural South Carolinians. I last saw Courtney at Frogmore around the middle of April. At that time he said that he had just seen you and that each of you thought the other had the report. I was wondering if it had been found and if so is it still going to be published? I just happened to come across some of the notes I took for the conference and I thought I would inquire about the report.

I have received an appointment to the Foreign Service Reserve Officers Corps of the United States Information Agency. I will report to Washington, D.C., on July 8 and will be there for six months for training before I go overseas. Could you possibly give me Paul Rilling's office address there? I thought that perhaps I would look in on him sometime while I am there.

I hope that all is going well for you and the Council. The new militantcy in the field must be keeping you busy. I was pleased to read in the New York Times today of the SRC's statement urging the immediate integration of public facilities.

Sincerely,

Hayes

M. Hayes Mizell

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May 30, 1963

Mr. M. Hayes Mizell
19-1A Bailey Court Apartments
Anderson, South Carolina

Dear Hayes:

Congratulations on your appointment with USIA.

Your report on the Penn Conference hasn't been lost, though with our various schedules it has ground through the editorial mills slowly. Actually, we begin mimeographing the report today and you should receive a copy shortly.

Paul Rilling's office address is: Commissioners' Council on Human Relations, Room 208 District Building, Washington 4, D. C..

Good luck on your new job. Hope our paths cross again sometime.

Best.

Sincerely,

FOAM BOUND

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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June 5, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
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200 as office supplies
52.00 postage

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a check for $250 for the mimeographing and partial distribution of the Conference Report. You are indeed generous in your settlements and I will begin thinking of other ways in which we might jointly undertake projects in the future.

I look forward to seeing the Report and do indeed appreciate the fact that SRC has been responsible for this part of the Conference.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Courtney Siceloff

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The report just arrived & looks great.
Many thanks
Courtney

June 5, 1963

Mrs. Alice Spearman
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1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice Spearman:

I have just been informed by Paul Anthony that the Report for the Conference which we jointly sponsored in February is in the mail and should be ready for distribution soon. I understand he expects to send a quantity to you to distribute first to the participants in the Conference in February as well as others in the state with whom you have contact. Enclosed is a check for $100 to cover the cost of this distribution.

I hope that the conference which Mr. James and Mr. Wasserman expect to organize can be held. We will be particularly interested as this develops.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Courtney Siceloff

cs/bm

cc: ✓ Mr. Paul Anthony

January 7, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Room 100
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice Spearman:

Another of the communications that I found here on my return, was one from Fred Routh, asking for a quarterly report by December 23.

I trust, of course, that you have handled this. I realize that much of this information would have to come from your files and work. I imagine such questions as numbers 1 and 2, could be answered with the help of the Strategy Committee.

If you could make an extra copy of these quarterly reports, I would like very much, in the future, to receive them, and perhaps could arrange to meet at certain times with the Strategy Committee in formulating such an answer.

I feel that our Executive Committee should meet very soon, and would appreciate it if you could set a meeting for the group after consulting some of the Columbia members. The only dates that I could not attend this month are January 10, and the 20-22.

With best regards,

Courtney Siceloff

CS:rfp

CC: Fred Routh
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

January 9, 1958

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services Inc.
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Received the copy of your letter to Alice Spearman of January 7th and hasten to inform you that the good Alice got her report in on time and that South Carolina's money for the second quarter has been mailed.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OBTAINING TAX EXEMPTION.

I like the idea of an extra copy of the quarterly report for your use as state chairman. I have suggested to Alice that the executive committee participate in the formulation of the next quarterly report, which will be due toward the end of March.

Warm personal regards to you and Lib.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 9, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

How glorious was the news that the South Carolina Council has received its tax exemption. Would you please send us a copy of your final application to the Treasury Department. We would like this for our permanent files. We would also like to use it as a model to lend to other state organizations as they apply for tax exemption.

I am writing Courtney this morning telling him that indeed you did get in the quarterly report and did so in good time. His idea of an extra copy for his consideration, as state chairman, is an excellent one. In fact it would be helpful if your executive committee participated in the formulation of the next quarterly report.

Keep up the good work.

With every good wish.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

January 20, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th with the tax exemption form enclosed. I think the job done in answering the various questions was a good one, and we are certainly rpoud that the South Carolina Council enjoys tax exemption.

It would seem that if in a hard core state such as South Carolina tax exemption can be obtained then it should be relatively easy in the mid-South and border states. Thanks for help in leading the way.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

July 6, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

We have just had a call from Jackson, Tennessee asking for consultant service from SRC for a meeting August 11 and 12 or August 4 and 5. This request is a follow-up on our proposal to the Jackson group last April. I recall that there was a possibility the consultant program might be abandoned, and therefore I am writing immediately to ask about it.

The Jackson group has just organized a Jackson Human Relations Council, and has elected as president Mr. H. O. Forgy, Jr., Box 792, Jackson, Tennessee. They are setting out on a membership drive, are making a community survey, and have the approval of a local T.V. station for a series of short programs. They plan to use the results of the survey in their T.V. programs, but would like additional suggestions, tapes, film strips, etc.

Mr. Forgy asked about the size group for a consultant workshop. He thought they could get 100 people, but wandered if it would be better to hold it to about 15. My guess would be someplace in between - perhaps 30. Since I've never been a part of such a workshop, I need to rely heavily on SRC. I wondered about the Friendly World Broadcasting Tapes for radio time which the Jackson Council could probably obtain. I expect there are additional resource suggestions in some of the bibliographical material I obtained at the Race Relations Institute, but the folder is at home and I want to get this off to you immediately. Do you want to write directly to Mr. Forgy, or to me?

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ:nlh

Jackson, Tennessee Community Relations Conference

President,	H. O. Forgy, Jr. Box 792 Jackson, Tennessee
Vice President	M. D. Meriweather (Principal of a Negro school) Jackson, Tennessee
Secretary	Mrs. Joe Merry 412 South Church Street Jackson, Tennessee
Treasurer	Sam Wahl Wahl's Slipper Shop Jackson, Tennessee

July 6, 1961

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July 11, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

We will, by all means, want to help the new Jackson Human Relations Council. I would assume from your letter that the emphasis of the workshop would be on program possibilities for such a local group. If so, I would plan to take general charge of the workshop myself, bringing along with me one or two consultants to assist the group. August 4 and 5 would be the most convenient dates from this end.

I think the size of the group depends primarily on local needs. Normally, this is aimed at those who will be expected to take a leadership role in the effort, but if they see it as particularly valuable in involving and motivating a large number of people, so be it. I too would prefer a group of around 25 to 30. I would have to do a bit more thinking on who we would bring along and what materials would be needed. It may well be that I or you and I should run over to see Mr. Fergy and some of his co-workers some time soon if this is possible. I am out of town this week, but will be back the week of July 17. I will write you further about additional ideas at that time.

Sincerely,

Paul H. Billing
Director of Field Activities

PHB:mm

July 20, 1961

Mr. Henry Forgy, Jr.
1010 Prospect
Jackson, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Forgy:

This letter will confirm our telephone conversation today regarding leadership service for the Jackson Community Relations Conference on August 18 and 19.

Mr. Paul Rilling, Field Director of the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta will be available and may bring with him one or more additional experienced persons. The Southern Regional Council was the organization which brought into existence the ten state Councils in the South. Tennessee is one of them.

In order to be helpful to a local group, Mr. Rilling would like some direction and specific suggestions from the Jackson group. Specific questions are on an additional page. He suggests that a group of 25 to 30 seems about the most successful for a working session.

I am especially eager to attend your workshop, and have real admiration for your endeavor. I will recognize the difficulties under which you work.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ:nlh
cc: Paul Rilling

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August 2, 1961

Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Att: Miss Katherine Jones

Dear Miss Jones:

Please pardon my delay in answering as I have been out of town. We are looking forward to the coming workshop and are laying plans accordingly. Please let me know how many to expect as soon as possible so that I may make arrangements for accomodations. I would also need to know whether you will plan to be in Jackson only on Friday evening, or on both nights.

As to our plans, we will in all probability use the facilities of Lane College, planning one session on Friday evening, one on Saturday morning, and one on Saturday afternoon. We will arrange for catering service for the noon meal Saturday inasmuch as the college cafeteria will not be operating during that period. Your further suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

H.O. Forgy, Jr.

H.O.Forgy, Jr.

PROGRAM

Jackson, Tennessee, Council on Human Relations - Workshop

Saturday, August 12

Morning:

1. Overview of situation in Jackson and the state; areas of potential break-through in eliminating discrimination; areas of highest resistance; potential crisis situations; political and community climate, etc. - Kay Jones (or a local spokesman)

2. Rational of local councils on human relations; their meaning, purpose, accomplishments; difficulties they encounter in the community. - Paul Rilling

3. The organization and structure of local councils; their working relationship to state council. - Kay Jones

4. Suggested program emphases and implementation; meetings, committees, fact-finding, educational activities. - Eric Lincoln

Afternoon:

5. Approaches to desegregation in the community: (a) public education; (b) public and private facilities. - (a) Paul Rilling (b) Eric Lincoln (or vice versa)

6. Organizational matters: membership, finance, etc. - Kay Jones and Paul Rilling

JACKSON COUNCIL ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS, Jackson, Tennessee

BACKGROUND - With the rise of the student protest movement, and the general increased militancy among Negro students, the old means of communication ceased. There had been visits between students of the two Methodist supported colleges, using as a vehicle the Student Christian Movement on the campuses - Lane (Negro) and Lambuth (white). The Negro students have evidently abandoned the SCM on their campus, and Lambuth has had inadequate leadership - possibly at the direction of the Administration. There is another college in Jackson, Union University whish is under the auspicies of the Baptist Church, and is larger than the other two. The Methodist colleges have an enrollment of about 500 students each, and have had a difficult time surviving, especially Lambuth.

During the spring of 1960, students from Nashville would dtop in Jackson, and repeat stories of the sit-ins at lunch counters in Nashville, and of the growth of the Non-Violent Movement. The Lane College students thought they should contribute to the cause, but shhool ended without any public demonstrations. In the fall they were determined to do something. At our annual meeting in Knoxville in October, William Grant, Jr. a senior student acquired 2 packages of the sit-in material, and distributed it to students at Lane. I gather there were many late night work sessions on it meaning for the Jackson situation. You will recall from Grant's presentation of the bus desegregation there, that the studets were riding the wave of success.

Sit-Ins Oct. 27, 28 , 30 etc. at McLellan's and Woolworth's. Here the students met with attacks by white youths who sprayed them with insecticides, and threw eggs and tomatoes at them (Rumor has it that the produce was freely contributed by other merchants) A professor at Lambuth said he suspected that Lambuth students had been among the hecklers. Lunch counters closed. The big flare-up came on election day, when 143 were arrested because they staged a parade without a permit. Students denied this, but it is obvious that the town was jittery, and saw something sinister and menancing with all those students converging on the Court House.

When I was in Jackson on Nov. 11, I talked with our two white members there, and then with Mrs. Ray Allen, wife of one of them who agreed to get some of the United Church Women to go to the student trials. The absence of communication was apparent. The white sitizens thought the demonstrations were Communist inspired, and the work of outsiders, and that everyone in Jackson was happy and content. Negro adults had rallied to the support of the students, made bond for all of them, and had united as never before. Police and the courts were both angry and baffled. The Jackson Sun, only local paper, which had regularly carried a Lane College column, backed away from the whole matter. and has continued to ignore the movement. In addition to the students, there have been adult protests on both sides. Blasts of gunfire at Lane dormitories, and accusations by white VFW and Am. Legion that Lane College homecoming program, during a football game was Communist inspired. Dr. Kirkendoll, who has been respected in Jackson, found himself in real community trouble, and distrust.

Beginning of the JACKSON COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

Mrs. Ray Allen and 2 or 3 othe United Church Women went to the trials on 11-24 and 12-1. They evidently were shocked about what they saw. There were overtures to these woemn from some of the Lane croup - especially William Grant who knew Mrs. Allen slightly. Anyway, just before Christmas, an informal group began wo meet in homes, church basements and at Lane College, They divided into 5 groups each tackling a problem, and really getting to trust each other. (See Quarterly Reports for the past nine months, which outlines some of these developments.) One of the special subjects has been the inequality in housing, and the education issue is always there. I don't know details of the education findings. as I have not been able to get written reports, but they say that Negro and white teachers are paid on a different scale. There has been no application for admission of Negor children to the white schools, unless it has taken plaae in the past month. There has been an interest in equal employment opportunity, and we have encouraged their working on this.

My last visit to Jackson was on May 30, at which time I gave them a copy of a proposed constitution. They formed a chapter, or rather a local unaffiliated organization in July 1961. We have already sent you that information.

Pres. Henry Forgy, Jr., Henry O. Forgyand Son, Inc., dealers in new and scrap steel and iron.

V. Pres. M. D. Merriwether - principal of a Negro school

Mrs. Mattie Merry, Secretary, is Negro, and I think runs a grocery store near Lane College. I know she is active in many civic organizations.

Treasurer ; Mr. Sam Wahl, Wahl's Slipper Shop owner. He is white, Jewish and sympathetic with the Negro student movement. He understands te seriousness of their protest, and tells me that he has made unsuccessful efforts to interpret this to the Chamber of Commerce and the other merchants. He felt the effects of the Negro boycott whihh lasted from Nov. to May.

JACKSON the city. About 40,000, I think. 35% Negro. Borders on Fayette Co. Is shopping hub for several more rural counties. Formerly big railroad town, especially for GM&O. A young group in Chanber of Commerce has been trying very hard to get new industry there, and has met with some success. At the beginning of the sit-ins, they pushed for negotiation, but I understand that the older business men have pressed them into aless militant role. Cotton is the big agricultural crop. Jackson looks prosperous. A large Downtowner motel has just been constructed. The Baptist Church leads the town, and sets the pattern for many things. "Tip" Taylor opposed Senator Kefauver on an unsuccessful segregatioist ticket in 1960. He was also a candidate for Gov. in 1958, and barely missed. He is a Circuit Judge, and may still be powerful in Jackson, although his stem has run out in the rest of the state.

Jackson has 3 ministerial alliances. On is white, on Negro, and a third draws from the other two and is inter-racial. Most organizations are strictly segregated. Jackson is 80 miles east of Memphis, and 140 west of Nashville. When I was there for a meeting in April it was held in the County Court room in the Court House, and drew a rather sophisticated group, including physician, college and business people.

EMPHASIS FOR WORKSHOP

Group has been conducting a survey of businesses to determine what is open for Negro employment, and preparation needed for future jobs in plants. This would seem a good emphasis. The school issue is ever present, and while there isn't much talk about it, there is recognition that a suit may be filed almost any time. Official school board, or rather Commissioner isn't going to take any action voluntarily. Mayor is Quinton Edmonds. He appointed a Bi-Racial Committee last Nov., but wouldn't instruct it, and it has been ineffective.

This group is so new that they don't know what they want to do. They have a promise of Television Time, but need program materials, and instructions about how to use them. Public Relations will be one of thir emphasis. They know that no help can be expected from the newspaper, so they must use other methods of mass communication.

August 14, 1961
Tenn. Council on Human Relations
Nashville

SUGGESTED PROGRAM
Jackson Council on Human Relations Workshop

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

1. Opening meeting, description of scope and purpose of workshop.
By local chairman.

2. Consideration of the local situation: political and community climate, areas of potential break-through, role of the Jackson Coucil.
By Kay Jones or a local representative.

3. /Development of questions for the consideration of the workshop. Use of buzz groups.

4. Discussion of the activities of local interracial groups across the South: their meaning, purpose, accomplishments.
By PaulRilling.

5. Local councils in Tennessee. The Tennessee Council on Human Relations.
By Kay Jones.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 - Morning Session

6. Possible program emphases for a local council: committees, research activity, educational activities. How can a local council be effective in assisting desegregation of public schools, public facilities, commercial facilities?
By Eric Lincoln.

Afternoon Session

7. Organizational matters: leadership of a local council, membership and financial concerns.
By Kay Jones and Paul Rilling.

8. Consideration of other questions or concerns. Summary.

JACKSON COMMUNITY RELATIONS CONFERENCE
Jackson, Tennessee Workshop - August 18 and 19

1. How many people do you think you will have attending? 30-50

2. What do you want to accomplish?

3. Are you interested in:
   Organization_____
   Program Content_____
   Membership drive_✓_
   Use of Mass communication in changing community additudes: TV_✓_
   Radio_✓_
   Newspaper_✓_
   Church bulletins_✓_
   Other_✓_

4. Do you plan to work toward equitable:
   a. Housing
   b. Job Opportunities
   ✓c. Public Education including vocational training
   ✓d. Use of public facilities, such as parks, swimming pools, public lecture hall,etc.
   ✓e. Use of private facilities such as movies, commerical parks and entertainment
   f. Membership in professional civic and trade associations:
      Example: Medical Association, hospital board, chamber of commerce, PTA, teachers association, etc.

✓5. Are you interested in discussions about how you answer prejudiced statements of individuals in social and business conversations? What approaches are persuasive?

6. What specific help in any area do you want from experienced leaders from outside your community? (They want to help you with your own community's unique situation, and not impose another community strategy on you).

Efforts to register in the public schools are now being made and we are particularly interested in how the "Jackson Council" can assist.

August 28, 1961

PA FR

Check for Eric Lincoln's consultant services

In Ruth Alexander's absence, could you issue a check payable to Eric Lincoln, for consultant services at the Jackson, Tennessee workshop August 18-19, 1961, in the total amount of $113.20 ($60.00 honorarium, plus $53.20 travel, at the rate of .08¢ per mile for 690 miles).

BOARD SEA FOA

August 24, 1961

RHA PR(by MM)

Check for ~~$1~~ Eric Lincoln's consultant services

I am sorry not to have put this in memo form earlier, but I thought, when I asked you earlier, that you indicated the half-sheet of paper would be satisfactory. This was not an error on Paul's part, since he merely asked me to see that Lincoln got his check.

In accordance with Paul's request, please issue a check payable to Eric Lincoln, for consultant services at the Jackson, Tennessee workshop August 18-19, 1961, in the total amount of $115.20 ($60.00 honorarium, plus $55.20 travel, at the rate of .08~~$~~ per mile for 690 miles).

Thanks, and I'm sorry.

No check received.

December 3, 1962

Mr. Ray Allen
6 Sunset Avenue
Jackson, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Allen:

Although I haven't heard from you recently I'm assuming that I am to be on hand at the meeting at 2:00 P.M. Thursday. I'm arriving in Memphis on Flight 754 (Delta) and will come on to Jackson by bus or You-Drive-It. Let me know if there has been any change in plans.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Billing
Director of Field Activities

PB:mm

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August 3, 1960

Mr. John Constable
Director of Information
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear John Constable:

In response to your air mail special delivery request to George Barrett for 1000 additional copies of "Settling a Sit-in" I have placed an order for 2000 reprints. The printer promises to mail 1000 direct to you on Friday August 5th or Monday August 8th. I hope they reach you promptly. The cost is $90.00 per thousand. Kindly make check payable to Mrs. Jack Yulman, treasurer of the Nashville Community Relations Conference, 2001 Division Street, Nashville 4, Tennessee.

With best wishes

Sincerely,

Louise Young

Louise Young
Executive Director

LY:nlh

August 9, 1960

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear Louise:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, one copy each of our sit-in materials. We can let you have the number needed for your annual meeting free of charge. Please let me know which ones will be of interest.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

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August 3, 1960

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Katherine Jones, for the past five years director of the Department of Public Welfare of Davidson County, has accepted the directorship of the Tennessee Council beginning October 1st. Am I proud! She is in Europe now and will return to Nashville on September 26th. We are preparing a write-up about her for the August Newsletter which we will of course send you.

Lewis Jones has agreed to speak for us at the Annual Meeting on October 17-18. We have not yet heard from Marion Wright. We are counting on you for the panel on Sit-ins.

There are many requests for Westfeldt's sit-in pamphlet and also requests for wider information and interpretation on the sit-in movement. We are assembling a packet on the subject to sell at a modest price at the Annual Meeting. What materials may we secure from SRC and at what price? I plan to provide 50 packets.

Has anyone made a compilation of endorsements of the sit-ins,-by YWCA, church groups, etc? I'd like such a document if it is available.

Sincerely,

Louise

Louise Young
Executive Director

1 copy sent
8/9/60

LY:nlh

P.S. Just received "Private Business and Public Education in the South". To whom was it sent in Tennessee?

Tennessee Council on Human Relations

~~416 21st Avenue, South~~ • Nashville 5, Tennessee

2001 Russian St.

August 15, '60

Dear John:-

Please send 60 copies of each of your three reports on the sit-ins - I shall use them for packets I am assembling for our Annual Meeting, October 17-18 -

Please send me also ten (10) copies of your News Release of August 7 - I find it most useful as a brief summary and interpretation -

Attorney General Rogers' release of August 10 is most interesting - I am trying to locate the 69 Southern communities, - at least those that are in Tennessee - I am sending an inquiry to twelve

(over)

& fifteen of our members in as many committees -

The enclosed memo request is self-explanatory. Mr. Bushnell stopped by on his way toward a vacation -

Excuse this pencilled scribble from unskilled director whose secretary is on vacation -

Many thanks -

Sincerely

Louise Greene

Tennessee Council on Human Relations

~~416 21st Avenue, South • Nashville 5, Tennessee~~

SRC

Please send your 3 reports on sit-ins to

Paul E. Bushnell
704 Wayne Ave.
Wooster, Ohio

writing for Chapel and College a journal for college chaplains.

Also your News Release of August 7 -

order submitted 8-16-60

September 8, 1960

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear Louise:

We are mailing you the two copies of the pamphlets you asked for.

We will mail you sixty copies of each of the pamphlets next week as we are in the process of moving. There is a limited supply of these particular items and so we will be unable to supply any in excess of the sixty we are mailing you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

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Executive Director

September 7, 1960

Mr. John Constable
Director of Information
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W., Room 201
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear John:

In yesterday's mail I received from SRC two very helpful publications,-Lunch Counter Desegregation in Winston Salem North Carolina and Dime Store Demonstrations: Events and Legal Problems of First Sixty Days. Today I am sending them to Mrs. Robert Peelle, President of our Oak Ridge group in response to her urgent request for whatever I had on "public accommodation anti-discrimination ordiances."

Please send me another copy of each of these publications for use in the office. How large is your supply? How expensive are they? As you know I am assembling 60 packets of materials on the sit-ins for sale at our Annual Meeting in Knoxville October 17-18. I would like three packets available for each of our communities with a few left over for further distribution. Whether or nor I would include these two recent pamphlets would depend on how costly they are. Thank you for advising me as to this.

In any case do send me at your earliest convenience a replacement of "Lunch Counter Desegregation in Winston Salem North Carolina and Dime Store Demonstrations: Events and Legal Problems of First Sixty Days." I am sending my first copies on to Mrs. Peelle with considerable reluctance.

Many thanks

Sincerely,

Louise

Louise Young
Executive Director

LY:nlh

order submitted 9-13-60

September 30, 1960

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council onHHuman Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Young:

We received your card of September 29th requesting that we send you Dime Store Demonstrations as soon as possible.

During the weekof September 13th we mailed you 60 copies of Lunch Counter Desegregation in Winston-Salem and 60 copies of Dime Store Demonstrations. This order should have reached you by this time. We sincerely hope it turns up because we do not have an additional 60 copies to send you.

Please let us know if you receive the copies.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mr. Constable

/lec

April 27, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. A. E. Cox
Delta Foundation
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

I will be arriving in Jackson via Delta Flight #415 Tuesday at 9:27 p.m. I can stay until Friday evening at 8:50. I will leave the choice and scheduling of appointments up to you, but would be happy to see any or all of the following people: Bishop Brunini, Rabbi Mantinband, Hodding Carter, P. D. East, Hazel Brannon Smith, Mrs. Ruby Lyles, and Mrs. James Burt.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

DELTA FOUNDATION
INCORPORATED
933 CHAMBLISS ROAD
MEMPHIS 16, TENNESSEE

April 28, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I will plan to meet your plane in Jackson at 9:27 p.m. on Tuesday. In the event you have to alter your schedule, leave word for me at the Walthall Hotel in Jackson.

I plan to leave Memphis on Monday and will be out-of-pocket until Tuesday afternoon.

By the time we get together, I should have a schedule worked out to keep you busy the three days you are to be in Mississippi.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Gene

A. E. Cox

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PR — For your action.
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DELTA FOUNDATION
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933 CHAMBLISS ROAD
MEMPHIS 16, TENNESSEE

July 27, 1960

Mr. Harold Fleming, Executive Secretary
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

The Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Council looks as though it is off the ground. In planning for the fall meetings, the members of the executive committee thought it would be good to open with an outstanding speaker. James Dabbs was mentioned as first choice and I was delegated to try to secure him for September - any date after Labor Day.

The first question raised when we discussed the possibility of having someone of Dabb's caliber concerned the expense. We are just getting started and our quota on state budget for this year is $1,500. I believe we will raise it - this city of 500,000 should do much more than that after we develop a strong chapter.

Is SRC in a position to assist with the cost of our first meeting? If so, could you determine if BrotherDabbs is available? This would save a week or so and time is short.

With very best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Gene

A. E. Cox

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August 3, 1960

Mr. A. E. Cox
Delta Foundation, Inc.
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

It has been our long-time policy not to pay the expenses of speakers for local Council groups. We have thought it best to use what funds we can make available for state and local assistance for direct grant-in-aids to the various state Councils on Human Relations. Perhaps the Tennessee Council would be able to assist out of its budget for this occasion.

If you could manage actual expenses, Mr. Dabbs does not charge an honorarium for speaking to our cooperating groups.

If you can work out a way to handle expenses, let me know quickly and we will get in touch with Mr. Dabbs concerning a date.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

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August 6, 1960

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Our program chairman, Dr. Hollis Price, and most members of our executive committee are out of the city. Therefore, we will be unable to make a decision at this time concerning the possibility of finding sufficient funds to take care of the expenses of Mr. Dabbs.

Louise Young advised this week that we have to secure another $700 to complete our quota on state budget. Thus far, we have sent in $700. They have asked that we complete our quota by October 15. I am now in the process of getting our finance committee set up. It is hoped that we can raise sufficient funds to meet our obligations to the State Council and to bring in some good leaders for our meetings this fall.

With very best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Gene

A. E. Cox

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September 6, 1960

Mr. A. E. Cox
Delta Foundation
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

Since my visit to Mississippi with you last spring, I have been wondering from time to time what we at SRC should do to be of service to our beleaguered friends there. I would want to make another contact trip by next spring and will be in touch with you before scheduling it.

Do you have any other suggestions? Would it be at all worth the effort and expense to pull 15 or 20 of them out of Mississippi to a meeting in Memphis every year or so? It occurred to me that this might be a constructive morale factor for some of these persons living in isolated situations and that it might further provide a basis for some suggestions as to how we might be of additional service. I understood that John Yungblut had considered such a conference last spring but I have heard nothing further from it.

Let me know how things are going with the Memphis Council and how we might be of service. I hope that you have been able to secure the speaker you need for your fall meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

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933 CHAMBLISS ROAD
MEMPHIS 16, TENNESSEE

September 16, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 201
5 Forsyth Street, NW
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Your plan to visit Mississippi again next spring is good. It would be helpful if you could arrange a schedule for North Mississippi - Greenville, Greenwood, Starkville, Oxford, Tupelo, etc.

The suggestion is pull some 15 or 20 persons into Memphis sounds valid. It might take a little time to do the ground work. In addition to this, men in smaller groups - or singly - could be encouraged to attend consultations at points farther removed than Memphis - Lexington, Louisville, Nashville, possibly. This summer, two Disciples of Christ men attended the consultation at Lexington, Kentucky.

For our September meeting of the Memphis chapter we are to have as our speaker Mrs. Anna Arnold Hedgeman of New York. LeMoyne College is sharing her time. In October, we plan a report of the Knoxville meeting. By November or December we may need another speaker.

With very best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Gene

A. E. Cox

c

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September 30, 1960

Mr. A. E. Cox
Delta Foundation
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

I am enclosing a check for $500, payable to the Delta Foundation. As in the past, these funds are intended to help with expenses that will permit you to make field trips to Mississippi in the interest of better human relations.

We would appreciate having your evaluations of the situation there from time to time, and any recommendations you would care to make for follow-up activity by SRC.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/am
Enclosure

January 25, 1961

Mr. A. E. Cox
Delta Foundation
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 19, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

The University of North Carolina is currently engaged in some ambitious studies of the South with particular emphasis on human relations concerns. They plan to do several studies in considerable depth of different kinds of counties. Walthall County, Mississippi is among those being considered. We have been asked to comment on the personal safety factor concerning any interviewers who might be spending some time in the county, assuming persons of a skillful and professional nature. What do you know and can you find out.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/mm

February 1, 1961

Mr. A. E. Cox
Delta Foundation
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

Thanks for the information on Walthall County. We would like more information if it is not too difficult. Particularly anyone's evaluation on the personal safety of reasonably careful interviewers who would spend some days in the County.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

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May 30, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I regret the long delay in giving answer to your letter of May 12 concerning the Kirk Osoinach request. Both Kirk and I have been away much of the time since your letter came. We did manage to get together this afternoon.

Despite my 25 years in this area, I have little more than a superficial knowledge of the problems facing the Mississippi Choctaws. On the basis of what Osoinach told me today, I feel inclined to look into the possibilities which could come out of York's desire to work with his people.

It is my understanding that they have been unsuccessful thus far in securing funds for the Chicago trip which York wants to make. I promised to assist with part of the expenses - at least $25.00 from our foundation. In case you have a surplus in your Mississippi conscience fund, this might be a good spot to place something. I did not mention the fact that you had written me about this matter.

Later this year I hope to be able to get a better picture of the situation and will plan to share anything worthwhile with you.

Cordially yours,

Gene

A. E. Cox
Executive Director

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1822 S. Parkway E.
Memphis, Tenn.
May 30, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Director of F ield Activities
The Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Deqr Mr. Rilling:

Thank you for your letter of May 12. It reached me while I was on an extended trip through the East which took me from the "May meetings" of the Unitarian Universalist Association to New Y ork, and thence to interviews with the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia. I am trying to get a job that will put me directly in touch with Indian groups and/ or Indian affairs.

During my trip, I explained the problem to several people, that is the problem of providing funds to allow Mr. Emmett York to get to the American Indian Chicago Conference. Mr. Walter Taylor, A. F. S. C N ational Representative for Indian affairs, was interested and said he would do his best to stir up something. When I left him, I was hopeful that he would be able to, but his latest letter was a bit discouraging. He told me that normally, A. F. S. C. encourages such projects to be financed locally. Our problem, however is that in the local area no one cares whether Mr. York goes or not. The largest part of the Choctaws' problem is just this. The Indian is to be kept segregated and "kept down" no matter what.

In comparing notes, Mr. Taylor and I decided that if Mr. York were to go by train, he would need something like $125.00 to make the trip. Mr. Philip Martin, whose expenses will be met by the Tribal Council, might agree to go in a car if one went through. I wrote and asked him, but he hasn' t yet replied. My mother has said that she could provide such transportation from Memphis to Chicago, but from there we shall be heading north, not south. That means of course only one way transportation. There is the possibility, though, that Mr. Bob Ferguson of Nashville will go both ways, and if he does go, that would decrease the cost considerably. In fact, therefore, $100.00 would probably do the job.

As I say, I do not know what Mr. Taylor will come up with. I f therefore you have any ideas, they will be much appreciated.

Mr. Paul M. Rilling:

While I haven't heard from Mr. York himself in a couple of weeks, I know he is very anxious to go and will stand by till the end. T hank you for your interest in this problem.

I hope that I shall be in Memphis next September when you come here to the Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Council and the Y .W.C.A.

Very sincerely yours,

H. Kirkland Osoinach

H. KIRKLAND OSOINACH

copy to Emmett York

P.S. I am still jobless, just in case you hear of some place that could use an M. A. level anthropologist with field experience.

Thanks.

H.K.O.

1822 S. Parkway E.
Memphis, Tenn.
April 28, 1961

The Southern Regional Council
Room 201
5 Forsyth St.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Friends,

I am writing you in hopes that it will be possible for you to assist me in making it possible for a representative of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to attend the American Indian Chicago Conference to be held at the University of Chicago in June. Mr. Emmett York, formerly Chairman of the Mississippi Choctaw Tribal Council and now its secretary and treasurer, is a man of extreme ability and courage. When I was doing my field work for my M. A. thesis in social anthropology at Chicago, he gave me a great deal of help. I feel that it is very important that he attend the conference, both because of what he can contribute to it, and his experience there will do in the Mississippi situation.

The problem of extreme and unyielding ~~xx~~ Indian segregation in their homeland is compounded by the fact that the larger part of the Bureau of Indian Affairs staff is drawn from among local white residents who give every indication of sharing prevailing Caucasian attitudes as to the Indians. Mr. York spends a great part of his time in representing the cause of his fellow tribesmen to white officials. He spends countless hours and gallons of gasoline to this end. In a recent letter to me, he asked if I knew of any organizations that might be interested in helping him in his efforts, his immediate goals being to attend the conference in Chicago and to go around the local country and meet with well disposed white citizens of the area who might be sympathetic to the Indian childrens' being entered in public schools. I told him that the one thing my experience in the world of anthropology and social action might be good for would be to contact such groups.

Many subsidies are available for community development workers, and the like, who would go into places like this. I feel that such a grant would be well employed to aid Mr. York. Could the S. R. C. do this? If not, could you suggest to me someone who might? Back in 1957, my mother wrote you a letter of indignant protest about the Choctaw situation. From what I have learned since then, the numerous copies of it which you sent around to other organizations did as much as any other one thing to make the problem known to national organizations. For this service,

The S outhern Regional Council

many thanks. I hope that you will be able to help in some way in this time of real need.

The Tribal C ouncil is se nding the present Chairman to the conference. This is fine, and ordinarily I should agree that one representative is enough. As I have said, however, Mr. York' s ability and experience will be of value there.

Incidentally, by way of personal identification, I am a member of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, and my mother is on the Board of that organization as well as membership chairman of the Memphis Chapter. If you knew Miss Pam Coe, who worked with your organization a while back, I am happy that I was the one who first introduced her to the Choctaws. As you may know, she too did her M. A. thesis on the basis of field work done in the Mississippi Indian communities.

Thank you ve y much; I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Very sincerely yours,

H. Kirkland Osoinach

H. KIRKLAND OSOINACH

PA

June 7, 1961

Paul:

Kirk Osoinach called yesterday to say that he had received a grant sufficiently large to take care of the expenses on the Chicago trip for York.

Gene

Tenn - Gen

July 12, 1961

Mr. A. E. Cox
Executive Director
Delta Foundation, Inc.
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Cox:

Mr. Rilling has asked me to reply to your letter of July 3. (I am sorry not to have done so earlier; however, vacations and staff changes have thrown us a little behind in some ways.)

I am happy to advise that we have sufficient copies of "The Negro and the Ballot in the South" to let you have 100 free copies for use in Mississippi. We will mail them after receiving a definite order from you.

Sincerely,

P.A. approved

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM:s

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933 CHAMBLISS ROAD
MEMPHIS 16, TENNESSEE

July 3, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Please advise if copies of The Negro And The Ballot In The South by Maragret Price are still available. We need at least 100 copies for use in Mississippi. In the event you can furnish them, let us have a quotation on the price.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Gene

A. E. Cox
Executive Director

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(If he doesn't call back, send wire telling shipping info.)

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933 CHAMBLISS ROAD
MEMPHIS 16, TENNESSEE

July 19, 1961

Miss Marge Manderson
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Manderson:

Thank you for the information on "The Negro and the Ballot in the South." We appreciate the offer of SRC to supply 100 copies free. If available, please ship an additional 75 copies at our expense and send us an invlice to cover.

With very best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

A. E. Cox

A. E. Cox
Executive Director

NIGHT LETTER

175 COPIES ~~OF THE PAMPHLET YOU~~ ~~ORDERED~~ SHIPPED VIA RAILWAY EXPRESS JULY 27.

(N.C. Sent Aug. 1) MM.

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August 21, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Room 201
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Thanks for furnishing the pamphlets for the recent mailing to Mississippi. The shipment arrived in ample time for distribution during the week preceeding the hearing on August 14.

It appears that Patterson's assistants have been able to erect a temporary roadblock to the JD's move into Mississippi.

With very best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

A. E. Cox
Executive Director

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Taylor
Gene

A E Cox

February 20, 1962

Mr. Eugene Cox
Delta Foundation
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

Do you know anything about a Rev. Thomas W. Clayton, of Prospect Presbyterian Church, Route 4, Meridian, Mississippi? He has written asking to be put in touch with good folks in Mississippi.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

Tenn - A. E. Cox

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MEMPHIS 16, TENNESSEE

April 2, 1962

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Room 201
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Murray Cox of Gulfport, Mississippi, mentioned in a recent letter the fact that his last sermon had a mailing in excess of 500 copies.

As I may have mentioned before, Cox has no regular budget to cover this project. He is to be in Atlanta on April 11 and 12 and plans to call you at that time. I hope you can see the way clear to give him some help at this point.

You may be aware of the fact that Cox is looking for funds with which to expand the activities of the Mississippi Advisory Committee. As I understand the need, most f the aid would go for travel. I have written Harold Fleming for any suggestions he might have on leads.

With very best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Gene

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Executive Director

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May 25, 1962

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Room 201
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Both the Memphis Committee on Community Relations and the Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations have committees working on the problem of job opportunities.

At a meeting of the Memphis Chapter of TCHR this week, I learned that few, if any, members have received copies of the pamphlets being published by SRC on the question being studied. I have promised members of both committees copies of the reports you have published thus far. I have ample copies of the Houston Report. It would be helpful if you could send me 6 or 8 copies of any other report or publication available on this subject. It would be helpful to have Hunter Lane on the mailing list for reports going out from SRC. If I recall correctly, he receives nothing directly from SRC except NEW SOUTH.

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BP -
Please return to MM

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Gene

A. E. Cox
Executive Director

Hunter Lane, Jr.
727 Commerce Title Building
Memphis 3, Tenn.

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A E Cox

June 1, 1962

Mr. A. E. Cox
Executive Director
Delta Foundation, Inc.
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis, 16, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Cox:

Paul Billing has asked me to add Hunter Lane to the Council's mailing list, as you requested in your letter of May 25; however, I do not seem to have in my files a mailing address for him. The out of town telephone directory service tells me that there are two Hunter Lanes in Memphis, one junior and one senior. Would you be so good as to drop me a note showing the correct address? (Paul is not in town, so I can't ask him for this information.)

Sincerely,

Margo Manderson
Administrative Secretary

O.W. BOX

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933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tenn.
November 21, 1962

Mr. Leslie Dunbar
Executive Diredtor
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Les:

Postal cards mailed to some Mississippians carried the following message:

"UNITED NEIGHBORS INTERSTATE

Goal: Ten Hundred Million members to command prompt, active, respectful worldwide attention as good citizens.

America's

Comprehensive Citizens Council

~~THINK~~ KNOW!

Anything you can do
UNI can do best.

C. E. Line
820 Ponce de Leon
Atlanta 6, Ga. "

Can you give me any information on this outfit? They certainly are going out for a worldwide membership - "Ten Hundred Million members."

Cordially yours,

A. E. Cox

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COMMITTEE ON OPEN PARKS
108 Bennett Lane
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

June 3, 1961

Dear Friend:

On Memorial Day, May 30, 1961, a test of the Tennessee state parks took place at Big Ridge State Park (Union County). This demonstration occurred without fanfare or ceremony. The participants actually had a "picnic-in."

The original plan was to execute a surprise test but a last minute strategy change prompted us to send a telegram to Governor Ellington, informing him of our intentions, and requesting some action from his office. (A copy of this telegram is enclosed for your information.) We are certain that this communication accounted for the cordial, careful and tactful reception given us by the park attendants.

The demonstrating group consisted of four Negroes who had been active in non-violent protests in Oak Ridge. Although a picnic basket with all the trimmings was carried along they were fully prepared for anything to happen. A group of observers arrived at the park early (before the test group) so that witnesses would be on hand if needed. Another group of observers followed the car carrying the demonstrators by a few minutes. This arrangement provided for observation from the front and rear. All of the observers were white persons who had also participated in previous non-violent protest actions. Observers were instructed not to fraternize with the demonstrators beyond that which would normally take place in a public park. The gradual fraternization between participant and observer appeared quite normal and at least one stranger to the whole group joined our ranks.

Upon arrival at the park we asked an attendant for directions to the picnic area. "Do you mean the colored area?" he replied. "No, thanks, we'll find our own way, " came our reply. "Thank you sir," the attendant called out as we drove away. We followed another car to the main picnic area. After selecting a table we played bridge, badminton and strolled around the park. The commissioner of the park (a ranger) met two of the demonstrators as they walked around the park. A warm friendly, congenial discussion resulted from this meeting. It was with surprise that we listened to the ranger as he related that a policy of segregation exists in Tennessee state parks. We firmly, but tactfully, informed him that we would not voluntarily leave the park. Upon discussing this policy with other members of the group it was affirmed that we would not voluntarily leave and that we did not mind being arrested. To this the ranger remarked that he would not want to arrest someone with whom he had been so friendly.

Convinced that we would not be arrested, the ranger was then asked to give us a written statement citing the authority that restricted Negroes from certain state parks signed by him or one of his superiors. The ranger left to secure a statement of such authority and/or a supplemental statement from his

immediate superior. When he returned, an hour or so later, we gathered on the lawn under some shady trees to hear his report. He informed us that our request could not be met. So we asked if he was real anxious for us to leave the park, to which he replied, "no, stay as long as you like; enjoy yourselves." And so we talked, played and subsequently brought an end to a very nice picnic.

We are sending this report to you in that we would like to solicit the CO-OPeration of your group in our future plans. This is not a news release. The Oak Ridge group has named itself the "Committee On Open Parks" (CO-OP). A CO-OPerative effort on the parts of all human relations and social action groups may insure the opening of all publicly owned parks and facilities to all citizens. The CO-OP plan is outlined in a letter to the governor (excerpts of which are enclosed). Please read this ultimatum carefully and respond to its intent at the proper time by holding an integrated picnic at a state park. (This includes all state parks.) Wide response across the state is needed for this effort to be successful.

Feel free to contact us on this matter and inform us of your plans. Should difficulty be met, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Committee On Open Parks
Co-Chairmen,

Miss Georgia Guinn
Mr. Washington Butler
Mr. Nelson Stephens
Mr. George Walker

ENCLOSURES

COMMITTEE ON OPEN PARKS
103 Bennett Lane
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

THIS IS NOT A NEWS RELEASE
(Please restrict dissemination of this information to your group until June 14, 1961)

Telegram to Governor Buford Ellington, dated May 29, 1961 (a copy):

Honorable Sir:

As our Nation faces the most challenging problem of eliminating un-democratic practices within its borders and of protecting the rights, privileges and opportunities of all citizens, many milestones have been reached, especially in Tennessee. In light of the statement in the "Tennessee Blue Book," encouraging all citizens to fully use state park facilities, a group of Oak Ridge Negroes have planned a Memorial Day picnic at one of the state parks. We hope, with the assistance of your office, to firmly establish that state parks and facilities are fully accessible to all citizens regardless of religious, ethnic or racial considerations.

Excerpts from a letter to Governor Ellington, dated June 3, 1961 (direct quote):

"As stated in the telegram of May 29th, our objective is to firmly establish that state parks and facilities are fully accessible to all citizens regardless of considerations based on religious, ethnic or racial designations. Therefore, we are requesting that you issue a statement by June 14, 1961, affirming that state parks are truly open to all citizens. Absence of such a statement, to our knowledge, by the above date will be assumed to mean that affirmative action has been taken, and that park officials have been so notified. With this we will proceed to inform and encourage Negroes across the state to use those state parks previously thought to be closed to them.

It is earnestly hoped that you will take the initiative to inform all Tennesseans that a policy of segregation does not exist in our state parks and facilities."

THIS IS NOT A NEWS RELEASE

201 East Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
August 7, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street NW
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling,

Please excuse me for not answering you sooner. My life becomes full of projects, all of which seen to need taking care of at the same time. Also, I thought by waiting we might be able to send you a beging of our statistical analysis on our returned questionnaires, but this not complete yet.

We are of course very willing to share any know-how and information on our Gambil Valley survey. The questionnaire was meant primarily to discover marketable skills, and skills of Negores in our community, who for some ~~good~~ reason may not be working at a skill that they may have. We of course also tried to pick-up other information, so that we might have a better feel for the community, and needs.

With the help of NAACP, we attempted to visit every house in Gambil Valley on one day. At the end of the day, we had reached half the people we were interested in covering(people over 17 years of age) and I might add that the other half is very slow coming in. We should have stuck with getting our returns in more closely, and have followed up late evening of the day we canvassed or the very next day.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our questionnaire, which was made up with the help of Dr. Ralph Martin of Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tenn. Also, you will find an information sheet, which was distrubted to canvassers, and discussed at a meeting before we made our canvass.

This is very much a home survey, with very little professional guidance. However, we do hope to continue learning from the returned questionnaires.

In our community if we can find qualified Negroes, we feel that with the Executive Order, we could truly push for employment. So far we have not turned up with anything much, but as I said we are not finished.

Should you or any group ahve more specific questions or want to discuss this project in more detail, I will be happy to share what I know, and will reply more promptly.

As soon as we have some additional information, I will mail you a copy.

Again please excuse my delay. I hope that in the near future I will have the pleasure of meeting you.

Sincerly yours,

Frances Silver

(Mrs.) E.G. Silver
Chairman, Oak Ridge Community
Relations Council

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (?)

COMMUNITY SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____

1. Educational level: Did not complete elementary school ( )
   Completed elementary school ( )
   Highest year completed in high school 1 2 3 4
   Entered college or trade training school ( )
   Graduated from college or trade training school ( )

2. Company or institution or family by whom employed _____
   (a) How long have you worked at your present job? _____
   (b) What is your present job? _____
   (c) Are you satisfied with your present job? ( ) yes; ( ) no
   (d) If not satisfied, why? _____
   (e) Have you tried to gain a promotion from your present job? ( ) yes; ( ) no
   (f) Were you successful in obtaining a promotion? ( ) yes; ( ) no
   (g) If not successful, why? _____

3. According to your training, what job would you like to do best? _____
   _____
   (a) Does such a job exist in the area where you now work? ( ) yes; ( ) no
   (b) Do you have steady employment? ( ) yes; ( ) no
   (c) What jobs can you do very well that you are not performing at the present? (i.e., typist, cook, mechanic, gardener, seamstress, etc.)
   _____
   _____
   _____

4. Number of school age children ____
   (a) What schools do they attend? ( ) Scarboro; ( ) Robertsville; ( ) High School
   (b) Are you satisfied with the school progress of your children? ( ) yes; ( ) no
   (c) Why are you satisfied or dissatisfied? _____
   _____
   (d) Do you attend P.T.A. meetings? ( ) yes; ( ) no
   (e) Have you had any conferences with the teachers of your children? ( ) yes; ( ) no
   (f) In what ways do you think that you can help your children in their school program? _____
   _____

5. How long have you lived in Gamble Valley? _____
   (a) Do you have membership in any community organization? ( ) yes; ( ) no
   (b) If yes, list the organizations that you have membership _____
   _____
   (c) Do you hold office in any of these organizations? ( ) yes; ( ) no
   (d) What do you like best about living in Gamble Valley? _____
   _____
   (e) What do you like least about living in Gamble Valley? _____
   _____
   (f) In what types of integrated activities does your family participate? _____
   _____
   (g) In what types of integrated activities do your children participate? _____
   _____
   (h) In what types of integrated activities would you like to participate? _____
   _____

INFORMATION FOR CANVASSERS

President Kennedy's executive order barring discrimination in employment in government agencies and with government contractors is one of the greatest acts providing help to Negro workers. In order to help Negro workers in Gamble Valley, this survey is made to discover jobs that Negroes have been trained to do and on which they are not presently employed.

Community improvement is related to the manner that community residents feel about their community. Changes in the life in Gamble Valley will be made as individual members show interest in community affairs.

The future citizens are presently enrolled in our schools. The quality of educational experiences, the interests of parents in their education, and the cooperation of the parents to encourage school participation are serious concerns of parents today.

From your training and experiences, what jobs can you do well that you are not doing at the present? Include all job skills that each person claims that he has.

If residents are not at home when you make your call, kindly call 483-0896, Gamble Valley Recreation Center, and report same because there will be an arrangement to contact this house.

If scheduled appointment is necessary to obtain information from individuals, please be kind to make such in order that the questionnaire may be completed.

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tennessee
February 10, 1955

To the
Chairman of the School Board
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

The schools of Tennessee are confronted with the decision of the Supreme Court of May 17, 1955. How are we going to carry out that decision?

The Tennessee Council On Human Relations believes that each county or city schoolboard and school superintendent will have to find its or his own solutions to the problems that will arise. But you will need the help and support of the parents and other citizens of your community.

The people in your school system and area need to understand some of the problems too, if they shall be able to support you. How shall they get that understanding?

We hope that you will find the enclosed pamplet "Answers for Action" helpful. It gives the exact wording of the Supreme Court decision and tells you a little about it. It gives some experiences in schools where segregation has been ended, and where the intent of the decision has been carried out. After you have read the pamphlet maybe you want additional copies to give to some persons in your community. If you will write us we shall be glad to supply you with a limited number of copies as long as our supply lasts.

The Tennessee Council of Human Relations is organized for the purpose of helping to improve human relations in Tennessee. We do this by gathering information about problems and discussing them with those concerned. Through the employment of consultants we are able to render specific services to communities that may desire, for instance, information about how to enlist public support for a program to carry out the Supreme Court decision. As we are an affiliate of the Southern Regional Council we can always call on them for special help or advice. We enclose a pamphlet giving information about the Southern Regional Council.

We shall be glad to have you write us if you should want privately and quietly to discuss the implications of the Supreme Court decision in your area.

Best wishes for your program for the improvement of your schools.

Sincerely,

Tennessee Council on Human Relations

E Woods Beckman

E. Woods Beckman,
President.

January 23, 1958

Miss Virginia Grantham
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
416 Twenty-first Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Virginia:

I was recently through Nashville and unfortunately did not have time to get together with you. But I heard that the Tennessee Council was anxiously searching for an Executive Director. While we too are anxious for you to get a Director as quickly as possible we are even more anxious that the person be well qualified for the position. If you have a candidate in mind who cannot accept the job for a few months, and this candidate strikes you as just the person for the job, we would rather see you wait and secure his services. Don't feel that you are under pressure from this office to move in desperation. I think we have already demonstrated in our relationship with the Tennessee Council our patience and understanding with your situation. This patience and understanding continues.

With every good wish.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

March 4, 1958

Mr. Galen Martin
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

How sorry we were to hear that your mother was hospitalized. The rupture of a blood vessel in the brain is a serious matter. I trust that the loss of the use of one eye is not permanent. Modern medical treatment and surgery can do so much to alleviate pain and illness that we hope for a complete recovery. Please express to her our prayers and well wishes for that happy event.

Don't worry about missing the inter-agency meeting of last week. We will send you, as soon as they are available, the minutes of the meeting. Let it be noted in the record that you were missed.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

Box 887
Knoxville, Tenn.
March 3, 1958
(Charlottesville, Va.)

Dear Harold, Fred, Paul:

I was unable to attend the Southern field workers meeting last week because of the serious illness of my mother. I was called Monday night Feb 24, & brought her here Tuesday Feb 25 from the hospital at Roncevert W. Va., near my home. She has a ruptured blood vessell in her brain & has lost the use of one eye. She is about the same or a little improved, but is at the University hospital & getting the best care possible.

While being near mother I'm also visiting with two of my cousins who seem to have more racial prejudice & money than others in our clan. They remind me of what I hadn't forgotten - that some people are very ignorant on these matters.

I was sorry to miss the meeting & regret that the pressure made it impossible to notify you in advance.

Sincerely,

Galen Martin

NEXT MEETING: The Council will meet next on its regular meeting day, the third Tuesday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the YWCA at 420 Clinch.

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KNOXVILLE AREA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

April 15, 1958 YWCA, Knoxville

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rev. Lea Acuff, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Fowler, Mr. Forrest Lacey, Mr. Francis Manis, Mr. Henry Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Stoloff.

Staff Secretary: Galen Martin

Visitors: Mrs. Chris Benson, Mr. Nick Kurko, Mr. and Mrs. Peele, Courtney Schill, and Mrs. Dudley Moore.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with one revision. The wording of section 7c (2) on page 2 was changed to read "...mob violence prevention school".

REVIEW OF COUNCIL HISTORY:

For the benefit of new members and visitors, Mr. Manis reviewed background material related to the development of the Council. This was designed to provide information which would orient new board members and prospective board members to the purposes for which the Council was established and the way it carries out its program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Membership

The Committee has started a drive to increase the membership in the Board of Directors and has developed a plan for contacts which will be continued until Board membership totals 50. We are now at the point where we have 24 members.

The Committee also presented the following slate for officers to be voted on during the May meeting and to hold offices for the year beginning July 1:

Chairman: Rev. Lea Acuff
Vice-Chairman: Rev. J. David Kelley
Secretary; Rev. Sterling McHarg
Treasurer: Mrs. Barbara Stoloff

The floor was opened for nominations for each of the above offices but no additional nominations were received.

2. Workshop

This Committee has met with John Hope, Consultant, Southern Regional Council and the Unitarian Service Committee, for the purpose of planning the workshop and setting a date.

Here are the planning features:

The Workshop will be held from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, with a dinner meeting on Friday, May 9, for discussion chairmen.

The Workshop is designed to meet the developing educational needs of Council Board members. Tentatively, it will concern itself with the following two main areas related to desegregation:

a) Public officials.
b) Education of the public.

Two consultants from Southern Regional Council will probably be available.

The consultants have requested that Board members forward questions to be considered in the Workshop to the staff secretary of the Council before the end of the month. These will in turn be forwarded to the consultants.

3. Desegregation Survey

Galen Martin distributed draft copies of currently available material on the Knoxville Desegregation Survey. Additional work is required in finishing the survey and the assistance of Board members is requested. (Copies of the DRAFT are enclosed for those not at the meeting.)

4. Film Forum and Speakers' Bureau

Additional information has been obtained about the problems in gaining access to P-TA groups. It has been determined that many local P-TA groups have restricted discussion in the area of human relations because of their understanding that the central P-TA organization has suggested the exclusion of this area for discussion purposes. The Committee believes that there may be a possibility of approaching some P-TA's by dealing primarily with the area of mental health and its relationship to problems of race and religion.

There have been recent discussions with Rev. Overton, the new chairman of the Human Relations Committee of the Knoxville Ministerial Association and John A. Fletcher. Contacts have been made with D. A. Cooper, President of the Association of Evangelical Churches of Greater Knoxville, and Rev. Ted Witt.

Rev. Ted Witt of the United Christian Forces and others have given indications that the political implications of this organization make it extremely difficult to deal with the human relations problems in the community.

The March United Preaching Mission in the Knoxville Area was very effective, with almost all of the speakers giving some emphasis to the proper approach in the human relations field.

It has been additionally determined that civic groups and organizations are not yet ready to accept speakers or films in the area of human relations. A small group is in the process of planning an interracial civic club.

5. Newsletter

Beginning next month, Mr. Henry Morse will assume the editorship of the Newsletter. He will be looking to Board members to take on the

responsibility of becoming committee members and assisting in the development of the monthly Newsletter.

6. Skillful Law Enforcement

Due to the newness of this Committee, report will be made at a later date.

7. Hospital Admissions

Galen Martin reported that new information has come to light which indicates that when the new building (ground to be broken soon) of the Presbyterian Hospital is completed, decision has already been reached that Negro patients will be accpeted. The implications of this information in relationship to the Knoxville hospital that now accepts Negro patients (U.T.) and those hospitals that do not now accept Negro patients (St. Mary's and Baptist) were discussed and it was MSC'd to refer the matter to the Executive Committee for their recommendation as to action to be taken by the Council.

(One of the speakers at the Oak Ridge Community Relations Council meeting April 22 said publicly that Presbyterian Hospital would accept Negro patients when its building is completed. This is an authoritative source which should be used ahead of that available at Council meeting time.)

COUNCIL DUES:

After discussion, it was decided that the Treasurer-in-nomination would be asked to obtain information related to the possibility of establishing dues for Board members of the Council, as well as making a recommendation at the next meeting of the Council on a suggested budget for the next year and the steps to be taken to raise the required funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. There was general discussion of the present status of the suit against the Knoxville Board of Education. There is no new information and it seems clear that Judge Taylor will be involved with other matters on his docket during at least the next two months.

2. Brief report was made on the consultative work accomplished by Galen Martin and Francis Manis in meeting with a small group of Blount County women who are interested in learning more about the problems in race relations and who had their interest stimulated by Mrs. Ben Russell of the Presbyterian Church, who recently conducted a workshop for Maryville's St. John's Methodist and Alcoa's First Methodist Churches on "Christ, the Church, and Race."

MEETING ADJOURNED.

WORKSHOP FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Knoxville Area Human Relations Council

Saturday, May 10, 1958 YWCA 420 W. Clinch

PURPOSE: The Human Relations Council is action-oriented in terms of trying to eliminate discrimination in Knoxville and the surrounding area. This workshop is set up to help us with some intensive thinking in terms of our goal. We need to discuss:

1. What other cities have done in this area.
2. Knowledge gained by leaders in this field.
3. Techniques, approaches, methods, we can use.
4. A fairly specific outlining of action in terms of our goals for the coming year.

It is important that both old and new members of the Council attend the Workshop and participate in the sessions all day where at all possible. Participants will choose between the two discussion groups and stay in the same one throughout. To have the best discussion it is important to have a continuing group of people.

Advance registration must be made for the lunch and Board members will be contacted for their plans to attend.

Tentative Program for Workshop

9:30 - 10:00 Registration Y-Teen Room

10:00 - 10:30 Opening remarks Barbara Stoloff
History of desegregation in Knoxville, briefly
History of KAHRC
Purposes of workshop
Status of lawsuit in Knoxville Forrest Lacey

10:30 - 12:30 Discussion groups

Education of the public Lea Acuff, chairman
Mrs. Kennedy, recorder
Y-Teen Room

Contacts with public officials Forrest Lacey, Chairman
Mrs. Miles, recorder
B and I Room

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch The Lounge

1:30 - 2:30 Discussion groups (same as in the morning)

2:30 - 4:30 General group discussion Y-Teen Room
Reports by the discussion groups (10 minutes each)
General discussion on reports and any other questions raised.

Summing up: John Hope, chief consultant from the Southern Regional Council and one other SRC consultant

Possible Questions for Discussion

Possible questions for discussion have been divided into the categories of the two discussion groups planned for the Workshop.

Discussion group on contacts with city officials: school board, civil administration (mayor and council), and law enforcement officials.

1. What information do we want to convey to these officials?

2. What lessons can be learned from other cities?

3. What information do we want to learn through contact with these officials?

4. How should these contacts be best made
   a. by whom
   b. to whom (school board or council as groups, or as individuals)
   c. simultaneous meeting with representatives of all three areas of contact?

5. What type of approach to these officials is most likely to be effective?

6. Is there specialized help available (such as education of police officers on mob violence control)?
   a. Where?
   b. How can we make available any special help?
   c. How can we get officials to take advantage of any help offered?

Discussion group on education of the public:

1. What are realistic goals to be achieved by the Council in the education of the public?

2. What motives are best appealed to by the Council in the education of the public?
3. Evaluation of media of public education: TV, radio, newsletter, pamphlets, etc.
4. What role can be played by the following in the dynamics of desegregation: library, Council of Community Services, teachers, lawyers, parents, children, Council members, business community, mental health educators.

5. How can the Council aim toward making the above aware of the role each can play in the dynamics of desegregation?

Miscellaneous questions:
1. What use can be made of knowledge of community power structure and how can we obtain this knowledge?

2. Some consideration of types of integration plans and their advantages and disadvantages.
3. How can we approach the desegregation of Knoxville hospitals?

4. What are some of the important points of comparison in the school system which make it separate but unequal?

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS WORKSHOP
May 10, 1958

The following are suggestions for action which were gleaned from reports on the Knoxville Area Human Relations Council workshop.

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RESEARCH:

1. Check masters dissertations in political science and sociology at U.T. for information on the Knoxville situation, such as trends in voting of Negroes in recent years, power structure, etc.
2. Suggest to staff members in the above departments that they have their graduate students do papers in fields which concern human relations in Knoxville. (This is also educational for the students.)
3. Take an inventory of local groups whose national organizations have taken a stand in favor of desegregation. This is valuable in knowing which groups are most likely to respond to KAHRC contacts.
4. Inventory local resources in terms of agencies, groups, and individuals who take a stand for desegregation.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS:

1. Check law enforcement agencies in the area (state highway police, FBI, etc.) and find out what part they could play in prevention of violence in Knoxville and Knox County. Find out the person in charge of each agency.
2. Check what each of the law enforcement agencies has done in preparation for mob control.
   a. what policeman is in charge of mob control and what kind of training he has had.
   b. what kind of mob control training has taken place locally
   c. which police have been to mob violence institutes.
3. Investigate possibilities of a local police workshop or sending police officers to mob control institutes, what financial arrangements would need to be made and by whom.

SCHOOL BOARD:

1. Continue sending materials on school desegregation to superintendents and school board members, even if there is no response. (It is more effective to send any materials or letters to the individual's home.)
2. Approach board or individual members officially, as designated representatives of KAHRC, to discuss desegregation with them, give them materials, and other help.
3. Find one or two people to build up a personal relationship with each of the board members; to get to know them, spoon-feed materials to them, and to be available in time of trouble.
4. Approach power structure people to visit school board members and superintendent, giving them adequate materials and preparation. (see Key Leaders)

KEY COMMUNITY LEADERS:

1. Apparently there is no unified power structure in Knoxville. Therefore, it may be possible to reach individuals in the power position, perhaps approaching them on the basis of self interest.
2. Cas Walker is an important figure, and at present is neutral on desegregation. Perhaps KAHRC could approach him quietly to insure his neutrality.

3. Ask local leaders to carry out specific tasks, such as visiting school board members or paying police tuition to mob control schools. This is good education for the leader even if he does not feel able to carry out the task.
4. Help Negro leaders to draw Negroes into a determined but law-abiding community, which the larger community is aware of as an important force.
5. Find newspaper reporters, radio and TV announcers and program people who are sympathetic, and keep in close touch with them.

RESOURCE:

1. Have a resource committee study materials and films on human relations and desegregation, and become a source of information on these materials. Filter materials through this group.

EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC:

1. The resource people from Southern Regional Council stressed that it is important to attempt to change behavior, not attitudes. All planning in education of the public should be developed in terms of this approach. Always know for what purpose each activity is planned--to bolster like-minded individuals, etc.

2. Aim at organized groups or individuals within particular contexts which are most strategic. (For example: approach Committee of 100 of the Chamber of Commerce on the basis that control of violence is better for business. Approach P-TA's on basis of mental health, etc.)
3. Film forum, etc. should be used mainly to strengthen groups which tend to be like-minded with KAHRC (see 1. above).
4. Find sponsors for community-wide workshops within already established groups. This is good for developing group responsibility toward human relations.
5. Interest young parents who are directly concerned with school desegregation, perhaps on a neighborhood basis.
6. Reach children through youth serving organizations.
7. Program possibility--people from Oak Ridge telling about desegregation there.

NEWS:

1. Feed materials to announcers, reporters, etc., particularly sympathetic ones.
2. Provide materials for feature articles on desegregation after the court case.
3. Create news in order to get publicity in papers on successful desegregation, laws against violence, etc.

FRANCHISE:

1. Work to increase registered and active voters among Negroes, liberal whites.

HARRASSMENT:

1. Get together people who have been harrassed, to discuss troubles, inform of what can be done about it, etc.

May 22, 1958

Reverend S. W. McKarg
Box 70
Norris, Tennessee

Dear Mac:

I had meant to get this off earlier, but had misplaced your address. It was good to be with you in Knoxville; I believe that you and the other Board members of the Knoxville Area Council on Human Relations are going about things the right way, and you have a good staffer in Galen Martin.

I am enclosing "The Origins and Aims of SRC" as it was placed in the Congressional Record by Sen. Paul Douglas. It, I feel certain, contains the material you wanted.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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Enclosure

September 30, 1958

Mrs. A. E. Hardison
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
416 Twenty-first Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Hardison:

Many thanks for your welcome letter with the clippings, other enclosures, and the quarterly report.

I was much impressed with the good work you did in Memphis. The gentleman (and I use the word loosely) who wrote you is really quite confused, isn't he? We often get letters of this sort or even worse here at the office.

Whatever you decide to do please know that we are interested and would like to keep in touch with you.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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P. S. I am enclosing the clippings you sent.

Memphis 7, Tenn.
Sept 20, 1958

Mrs A. E. Hardison

Dear Mrs. Hardison

In regards to your letter to the Memphis, Press-Scimitar. It is mine and millions of others opinion that as long as a certain group of people and laws demand the mixing of all people, there will never be good will between the different colors and races. Some are twisting the words of the Bible and the Constitution to destroy the faith and peace of our people.

Regardless of what you or

any others may wish or believe
forced mixing of the Classes or
Colors is not working to the int-
erest of people no place in the
world. And especialy not in
the U.S. Should all people
be true Christions there may be
some argument to that Question.
However that has never been
and never will be the fact.
The Lord said there would
be Many Called but few Chosen.
God Created the Colors and
speech of Man. In this sinfull
world these Creations can not
be preserved through the type

of integration being demanded.
It was never intended and
in time will destroy the
world that God placed man
to prepare for another world.

Yours Truly
Cecil E. Edwards

By MRS. A. E. HARDISON,
Tennessee Council on Human Relations,
416 21st Avenue S., Nashville, Tennessee

Editor, The Memphis Press-Scimitar:

Unless the American people find a fair solution of the racial problems, they face a national defeat from within. If we cannot solve the problems of this nature in the South, we cannot hope to plead the cause of freedom for others. The racial question is no longer local or sectional; it has become a national issue and world movement. Our treatment of colored people who live among us has adverse influence in the United Nations. Of the sixty-odd nations now members of the UN, well over 40 have either a colored majority in their citizenship, or a colored minority strong enough to make their influence felt in the foreign policy of their country.

More than 20 of the member nations of this body are represented by delegates who are colored and who everywhere in this country are exposed to the same discriminations which we practice against our own non-white citizens. Our leadership for world peace thru this organization cannot be effective under such conditions.

American democracy lays great stress on the value of freedom, but is less keenly alert to the need for social justice. The colored peoples of the world feel that democracy offers to them neither freedom nor social justice. How can such needs be met? The Christian way would offer both.

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Reading File

EDUCATION SERVICE BULLETIN

835 Walker Avenue
Vol. IV No. 2

Memphis 6, Tennessee
October 10, 1958

Greetings

We open the working year with greetings to our old friends, and notes on some 1958 developments of local interest. It is a long time since our last Bulletin, so these notes can only hit the high spots.

American Missionary Association Conference

To the Fifteenth Annual Conference on Race Relations sponsored by the United Church of Christ, we were again able through their generous gift of a scholarship to send a Memphian, Mrs. Ruby Spight. She is our fifth scholarship holder.

Mrs. Spight has made a full report to our Board. Besides the all-conference sessions she attended the clinic on Community race-relations. What seems to have impressed her most is the vast range of organizations working for desegregation.—religious, educational, labor, legal, and others which gave her fresh hope.

1958 RACE RELATIONS CONFERENCE AT LEMOYNE COLLEGE

The 1958 Race Relations Conference sponsored annually by LeMoyne College took the form this year of a series of Human Relations Clinics. Planned under the leadership of Miss Martelle Trigg, General Chairman, Assoc. Professor of Social Science at LeMoyne, to promote "the participation, fellowship and increased communication" of those attending, the four clinics were held on successive Friday evenings and Saturday mornings during April and May.

Nearly one hundred persons from Memphis and vicinity attended. The general subject, "Improving Human Relations in Memphis" was divided into four phases, each one being handled by one of the Clinics.

The first clinic, under the chairmanship of Dr. Edward E. Brewster, Professor of Social Science at LeMoyne, dealt with "Legal Aspects of Equality in the Use of Public Facilities." Members of the panel included local attorneys and businessmen who were well acquainted with the subject. A most stimulating discussion was presented by Messrs. R.B. Sugarman, Jr., Jesse Turner, A. B. Brandon, H. T. Lockard and T. C. D. Hayes. The Memphis situation was surveyed and those public facilities were unequal use still prevails were noted.

The Improvement of the Economic Situation of Negroes in Memphis" was the subject of the second Clinic. The Chairman, Dr. Peter Cooper, Professor of Economics at LeMoyne, presented a group of panelists who have been in close touch with the business community and with organized labor. The following served on the panel: Mr. George Grider, Mr. F. M. Dickinson, Mr. Samuel Peace, Mr. W. O. Farmer and Mr. Henry White.

The third Clinic surveyed the "Improvement of Human Relations Through Religious Activity." Mr. Howard E. Simms, Ass't Professor of Social Science at LeMoyne, served as chairman. Following an inspiring devotional talk by Mrs. R. P. Richardson, Dr. Laurence Kinney of Southwestern College introduced the participants on the program. A symposium was presented by ministers of three of our leading local churches: Rev. H. C. Gabhart, Temple Baptist Church, Rev. H. C. Nabrit, First Baptist Church, Lauderdale, and Rev. D. M. Grisham,

Centenary Methodist Church. A very helpful meditation by Rev. T. A. Davidson, Buntyn Presbyterian Church, concluded the program.

"The Responsibility of Education," subject of the fourth Clinic, was introduced by Dr. Ernest Hooper, Professor of History at LeMoyne, who served as chairman. The three guest speakers participated on the program. "What Parents Can Do To Improve Education was ably presented by Miss Harry Mae Simon, Principal of the Magnolia School. "What Citizens Can Do To Improve Education" was the subject of most helpful remarks by Miss Elizabeth Daggon, Supervisor of Shelby County Schools. Dr. Rozella Linskie, Professor of Education at Memphis State University, concluded the program with a challenging message on Educational Techniques for Improving Student's Attitudes in Human Relations.

For presenting to the Memphis community such an opportunity for sharing and a mutual exchange of views on such an important subject LeMoyne College is to be highly commended.

(For this Conference Integration Service prepared as usual the materials for exhibit and distribution.)

New Resource Person

It is pleasant to report the presence of a new resource person in our area: Mrs. A. E. Hardison, a former Memphian, is now Acting Secretary for the Tennessee Council on Human Relations. This Council, as readers may recall, is one of the state interracial organizations which the Southern Regional Council has been promoting and staffing under a grant from the Ford Foundation following the U. S. Supreme Court opinions of 1954 and 1955.

We remind readers that the Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, is the direct successor of the old Southern Interracial Commission formed after World War I to promote interracial cooperation across the South at a time when the return of soldiers in uniform appeared to be the signal for wide spread acts of violence. It is a sound, old line organization for study, information and cooperation and publishes The New South monthly, subscription annually $2.00.

The purpose of the state Councils on Human Relations is essentially the same. In some states they have been doing good work for several years. We, in Tennessee seem to have had a hard time getting ours started. We do have a board and an office at 416 Twenty First Ave. South, Nashville, and the Knoxville Chapter has been quite active. The State Board is seeking a permanent Executive Director.

Speaking of Purposes

From time to time we like to say a word about our own purposes. We are now in our fourth year of life, having come into being in response to the U. S. Supreme Court's 1954 decision, declaring racial segregation in public education unconstitutional. We saw the light of day as an organization the day before the Court's second or "implementation" decision.

It was the thought of a small group of us then that this decision would be epoch making in race relations and that we ourselves needed to study it and its consequences which we could do better as a group than alone. We further thought that others would wish to study it likewise, recognizing that sweeping social changes can best be met when there are people studying and interpreting them who can serve the community in the difficult adjustments it will have to make. For these people we thought we might serve as a little resource group to help them in their studying as we proceeded with our own.

The first part of our thought developments have abundantly confirmed. The decision has proved epoch making; it has called for sweeping social readjustments; and we have found it very helpful to ourselves to study as a group. We are continuing to do so.

Formal study of the decisions and of school desegregation and integration has not, however, followed in Memphis as in many other cities. Our services to others, therefore have so far consisted in bulletins to readers who desire up to date information beyond what newspapers supply, reading lists, study outlines, a few short term study groups, helping in preparation for the Le-Moyne College Conference and sending one or more Memphians each year to the American Missionary Association's Race Relations Conference in Nashville.

We are still here, still studying, and still desirous of helping in any way we can those who wish to study desegregation from a constructive purpose of helping our community make the necessary transition as harmoniously as possible.

Books on Education and Desegregation

There is a wealth of new books in this field. We list a few here. We hope to list more later.

Ashmore, Harry Scott. Epitaph for Dixie. Norton, 1958.

Mr. Ashmore, editor of the Arkansas Gazette published in Little Rock, states his understanding of the reasons for the crisis in that town and across the South. He tells convincingly why the South eventually is going to end its discrimination against the Negro in education. That reason is largely economic.

Blaustein, Albert P. & Ferguson, Clarence. Desegregation and the Law: the meaning and effect of the school segregation cases. Rutgers University Press, 1957

The authors discuss the constitutional foundations of desegregation, and trace the changing role of the 'separate but equal doctrine' to the final acknowledgement that 'separation' means 'inequality'. The law-making functions of the Supreme Court are also explained.

Dykeman, Wilma & Stokel, James. Neither Black Nor White. Rinehart, 1957.

The authors, a husband and wife team, traveled through thirteen southern states talking with people in many walks of life. The report on their trip includes such cases as those of Miss Autherine Lucy, Clinton, Tennessee, riots, and the Montgomery bus boycott.

Shoemaker, Don, ed. With All Deliberate Speed: segregation-desegregation in southern schools. Harper, 1957.

The story of desegregation as it has proceeded in the South during the period since the U. S. Supreme Court's decision of 1954. The contributors have all been members of the staff of Southern Education Reporting Service or in close touch with its work. All of the information is given in the form of a factual report; no editorial opinions are included.

October 15, 1958

Mr. Lucius Burch
Burch, Porter, and Johnson
Court Square Building
128 North Court Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Lucius:

This is an informal inquiry to ask if we might place your name before our Council for election to the Board of the Southern Regional Council.

Several people on our nominating committee knew of your dedicated interest in the area of equal justice before the law. Our professional staff - and I in particular - were pleased with their thinking. Tennessee is under represented on our Board and we are in need of good, solid representation from the Volunteer State.

I am sending you a list of our current Board, our semi-annual program report, and a reprint from the Congressional Record.

Would you please let me hear from you on this matter. I sincerely hope your answer will be in the affirmative.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

December 30, 1958

Mrs. Gertrude Shavin
Secretary-Treasurer
Community Relation Conference
334 North Crest Road
Chattanooga 11, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Shavin:

Thank you for your letter of December 27 which has been turned over to me, since I am the liaison person working with state groups.

Your next meeting falls during an interagency meeting in which all our professional staff in the Atlanta office are involved. Therefore, it will not be possible for one of us to attend.

I would suggest that you get in touch with the Tennessee Council on Human Relations and ask their new Director, Louise Young, to come to the meeting. Mr. McDade is on the Board of the Tennessee Council. You will find that Louise Young is a skilled and dedicated person.

In the future we would be glad to have someone come to Chattanooga from this office.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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Dec. 27th, 1958

Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

As an interracial group who know of you and your organization, we are seeking your help.

Our next meeting, which will be open to prospective members, will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1959, and we are aking you, or one of your staff members to speak to us then.

We have been organized for several months and our progress, by our own evaluation, has been slow. Our group is sincere, but we are having trouble establishing a definite direction and a program. Your skilled consultive service of persons familiar with the experiences of other communities could help us determine ways to meet the problem of desegregating our public schools.

Will you let us know if this is possible and what arrangements we need make. We will be pleased to give you whatever further information you want in order that your visit be most constructive to our situation.

Very truly yours,

G. Shavin

(Mrs.) G. Shavin
Clarence Robinson
Arrangements Committee

Mrs. S. Shavin
334 North Crest Road
Chatta. 11, Tenn.

March 3, 1959

Dr. Fred Routh
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Routh:

The Knoxville Ministerial Association at its luncheon this noon instructed me to write to you a letter of appreciation for the services you performed for us at the KMA Workshop on Human Relations on February 3rd, and to express therein the membership's regret for the unsavory publicity you were subjected to as a consequence of it.

The Knoxville Ministerial Association expressed through its vote full confidence in you as a Christian gentleman and a loyal American.

Also, know that we appreciate the Southern Regional Council as a patriotic organization which is making a great contribution to the South.

Sincerely yours,

Lea Earl Acuff

Lea Earl Acuff, Corresponding
Secretary
Knoxville Ministerial Association
Knoxville, Tennessee

CC: The Reverend W. Burney Overton

409 W. Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
March 10, 1959

An Open Letter to
MEMBERS OF THE TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE

Dear Sirs:

The Oak Ridge Community Relations Council asks that Tennessee Legislators, in judging any report from the special committee which has been investigating Highlander Folk School, consider the methods and effects of the investigation. In effect, the investigation has been an attack on an organization working toward peaceful desegregation in Tennessee rather than an impartial inquiry for the purpose of formulating constructive legislation. Newspaper reports indicate that unfair methods, prejudice on the part of investigators, out-of-state influences, and innuendo have permeated the investigation up to this point.

Tennessee state leadership has recognized the inevitability of legal desegregation and the desirability that it be accomplished peacefully. This leadership has wisely provided a climate in which local leaders can act constructively toward this goal. This emphasis on community responsibility creates a strong need for the type of training of local leaders that Highlander offers. Attacks on organizations such as Highlander jeopardize the progress this state has made in the area of human relations and give rise to fear of state interference and reprisal against those working toward peaceful desegregation.

Progress toward desegregation based on mutual respect between individuals is not synonomous with communism or other subversion. The committee has apparently pre-judged Highlander as subversive largely because it is privately integrated and works openly in support of public desegregation. Highlander has frequently been considered subversive by enemies of organized labor for its earlier efforts in support of the labor movement, but few today equate organized labor with communism. The recent investigation of Highlander and the attendant publicity has tended to arouse unfounded suspicions between individuals and to break down good human relations in Tennessee.

The conduct of this investigation has clearly been unfair and prejudiced, and has ignored principles of impartial inquiry. Ample evidence of this disgraceful partiality is found in newspaper accounts of the hearings. Following are some examples.

1. About twenty witnesses were officially asked to testify, of which only Myles Horton, the director of Highlander, was not critical of the school. Apparently only one of the adverse witnesses had ever attended any of the school's open workshops. Not one of the many persons who had publicly stated their participation in the school activities were called. At the public Nashville hearing, the Atty. General of Arkansas appeared as a voluntary witness against the school, but several who wished to appear as voluntary witnesses in support of the school were denied the opportunity. This example indicates unfair selection of witnesses and an unwillingness to hear all sides.

2. At the public meeting at the Grundy County High School, the committee's counsel announced that the investigation would be "fair and impartial." He then proceeded to ask the first witness ever to appear in support of the school, a voluntary witness, if she realized she was hurting herself by appearing to testify in support of Highlander and Horton, the director. This shows both prejudice and attempted intimidation of a witness.

3. The Tracy City postmaster testified at the Nashville hearings that his postoffice distributed The Daily Worker in the 1930's. Horton's counsel, Mr. Stokes, requested that the committee inquire if the witness were sure of the paper's name and frequency of publication, but the committee refused even after it was informed by Mr. Stokes that a paper called The Worker was distributed monthly to WPA employees at that time. (The postmaster later told reporters that the paper in mind "came in either weekly or monthly, not daily.") The Atty. General of Arkansas, however, was allowed to suggest questions for the committee to ask Myles Horton after Bennett himself had appeared as a witness. This appears to be a refusal to seek the truth.

4. During the Senate debate on whether to conduct the investigation, the Senator who was later elected chairman of the committee labeled Highlander as a finishing school for communists. Following his election, he promised to perform his duties fairly and impartially. At the Nashville hearings, in reply to a request from Horton's counsel that the investigation be conducted on the basis of fair play in the matter of the question to the postmaster, the committee chairman said, "Sit down, Mr. Stokes. We'll conduct it as we see fit."

A report resulting from such an investigation will be useless in formulating wise legislation for Tennessee. We encourage members of the Legislature to demand that future investigations by legislative committees actually be conducted in a fair and impartial manner.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Peelle, for the Board
of Directors of the Oak Ridge Community
Relations Council.

Robert Coveyou, Chairman
Washington Butler
Rev. Moultrie McIntosh
Rev. Samuel Howie
Mrs. Carolyn Tucker
Miss Eunice White
Herbert Young
Robert Peelle

(The Oak Ridge Community Relations Council is a local organization unaffiliated with any other group. Its purpose is to improve relations between the members of various groups within our community. The sense of this letter was approved in a public meeting March 5, 1953, and the letter itself was approved by the Board of Directors.)

September 1, 1959

Mr. Will D. Campbell
National Council of Churches
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

I don't know whether or not you have current contacts in Prince Edward County, Virginia but I know that you are aware of the general situation there. There will be no public schools in Prince Edward County this Fall. Although some form of so-called private school will be provided for the white children; there will be many hundreds of Negro children who will go without any schooling whatsoever. The facilities are not available in the county to tutor these children. The group is too large and most of the Negro teachers have moved out and on to new jobs in other parts of the South and nation. The general impression has been given that the white community is adamant and united on the matter, that communications have virtually disintegrated, and that tensions are high.

Our new man in Virginia, the Rev. Daniel A. Bowers, has been spending time in Prince Edward during recent weeks, working both with the colored community and in an effort to motivate some of the white moderates and liberals. We find that these do exist in rather considerable number but the pressures of the situation have created a general atmosphere of apathy and discouragement on the part these white friends.

There are several ways in which we would appreciate your counsel and assistance. (1) If you have names of persons in the county who you know to be concerned and friendly, would you send them on to Dan? (2) If your contacts are such as to justify it, would you consider spending some time in Prince Edward during the next few months? (3) If you know any way to shake loose a few hundred dollars, not the following situation:

The only organization in Prince Edward County functioning as a point of unity for the Negro population and working on the right side of the issue is the Prince Edward County Christian Association. The key figure here is the Rev. Mr. Griffin. The group is led by ministers. With virtually no resources or outside assistance, this group has created a sense of solidarity in the Negro community and has pretty much unified an uneducated, low-income constituency in this rural county. ~~Griffin, himself, has a strong martyr complex which is not without justification.~~ The PECCA office is located at 309 Franklin Street, Farmville, Virginia. They are in touch with the Virginia NAACP and with our office in Richmond, but they are completely lacking in funds or any other facilities. Dan Bowers writes: "If you could possibly wrangle some funds from somewhere, I know of no place where they could be more strategically used. The Association has no office furniture, no typewriter, and no mimeograph, and I may add, no voice to the press. They desperately need just a few hundred dollars to get going in that direction. They have a large and rural county and mimeograph sheets are the only means by which they can inform the people of current happenings."

The PECCA would probably be considered to be involved in political activity and the tax-exempt problem would arise in any donations to the Association. In spite of the nation-wide attention directed to Prince Edward County, they have had practically no outside help of any tangible sort. It would seem that a small donation could make a great deal of difference. If you have any thoughts to offer on this, let me know. In fact, I would appreciate an early answer either way. We need to find some way to move on this almost immediately.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PRR/mf

Pam Coe
3580 Watauga
Memphis, Tennessee
September 9, 1959

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

I am interested in a job dealing with race relations, and I would like your advice. I have completed the course work for an M. A. in anthropology from Columbia University and will have my degree as soon as I complete my thesis on "The Social Structure of the Mississippi Choctaws." I have spent the month of August doing fieldwork among the Choctaws and am now working on the second draft of my thesis. My thesis is not as divorced from the problems of race relations as it sounds, as the Mississippi Choctaws are subject to exactly the same discriminations as Negroes.

I would appreciate any information you can give me about the possibility of a career in race relations. Do you think I should take further training, and, if so, what? I heard a vague rumor in Washington that Chapel Hill is starting a program in race relations.

I am a member of the Tennessee Conference on Human Relations and plan to attend the meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned in Nashville at the end of this month. If you are there, I would like to talk to you about this.

Sincerely yours,

Pam Coe

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P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee
September 12, 1959

Mr. Paul Rilling
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the situation in Prince Edward County, Virginia. My contacts in Prince Edward are secondary ones. I had worked in that situation only through Reverend Myron Miller, Executive Secretary of the Virginia Council of Churches.

I do expect to spend some time in Virginia within the next week, at which time, I hope that it will be possible for Myron to go with me to Farmville where I can be introduced to some of those whom I know only names. Following that visit, I will try to see Mr. Bowers and discuss with him the three items listed in your letter.

Concerning Item 3: the possibility of "shaking loose a few hundred dollars", I am not sure that that can be worked out within our Department. I would, however, think that the National Council's hardship fund might be able to donate that amount to an individual minister in the community who is giving leadership. Do I understand that this person should be the Reverend Mr. Griffin? If this seems a likely possibility after visiting with the Prince Edward County Christian Association, I will offer it as a recommendation to New York. I am aware of your impatience with such time-consuming red tape but there is no other way I can operate at the moment.

May I ask if the Prince Edward County Christian Association is in touch with the SCLC? Certainly, Miss Ella Baker should be advised of the situation as you outlined it in your letter. Originally, the SCLC was organized to give just this sort of assistance, financial and otherwise. Since that time, as you know, the major attention has been given to voting. Although Miss Baker now has the responsibility of the entire organization, I feel sure that she would be of some help in getting aid for Mr. Griffin and the Prince Edward group.

I hope that it will be possible for the two of us to spend a few minutes together at the Interagency Conference in further consideration of this and other matters.

Cordially yours,

Will

Will D. Campbell
Associate Executive

WDC:ddl

September 18, 1959

Miss Pam Coe
3580 Watauga Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Miss Coe:

It is always good to hear from people who are interested in a professional career in the field of human relations. There are all too few recruits with proper training and orientation.

I will be most happy to discuss the situation with you at the Nashville meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned. I think it would be probably more fruitful for us to talk together than for me to attempt to answer your questions in a letter.

I'm looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/mf

September 18, 1959

Rev. Raymond T. Ferris
Christ Episcopal Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Ferris:

I am looking forward to participating in the meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned, September 29th and 30th in the capacity of a discussion leader. I will be in Nashville in time for the orientation meeting for discussion leaders on September 29th.

I am looking forward to being with you and to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/mf

September 22, 1959

Mr. Will D. Campbell
National Council of Churches
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

As I indicated at the recent interagency meeting, we are still very anxious to rais around $300 for the Prince Edward County Christian Association. It is our definite feeling that this small amount of money would be of disproportionate value in strengthening this organization and providing added cohesion to the Negro community in this difficult situation. We are prepared to provide half of the necessary funds, or $150, if we can find another agency to make available a like amount.

You indicated that it might be possible to provide some funds from the hardship fund of the National Council. I think the proper channel would be to give them to Rev. Mr. Griffin in Prince Edward County. I realize that there will be some time required for such an effort. I hope you can explore the possibility as soon as possible. As usual, the need is now.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/mf

824 Tusculum Boulevard
Greeneville, Tennessee
September 23, 1959

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council, Inc..
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I have discussed with Ben Sissel all the matters taken up at the last meeting, including Metz who is on loan for at least two months.

Ben informs me that the emergency assistance fund of our church can be used only for individuals and cannot be given to any organization.

Having given it some thought, I have decided that the morale of these people is more important than mine, so I am sending you my winter coat. I would prefer that people not be told whose coat this is.

Could you tell me if Mrs. Tilly is still holding her meeting in November? I have sent her my list of delegates, but several of them have written me that they have not received invitations.

See you at some conference soon.

Sincerely,

Jean

(Mrs.) Jean Russell

Christ Episcopal Church

THE REVEREND RAYMOND T. FERRIS, RECTOR

900 Broadway

Nashville 3, Tennessee

September 23, 1959

Dear Mr. Rilling:

I am delighted that you have accepted our invitation to be a discussion leader at the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned on September 29th and 30th at the Methodist Board of Evangelism, 1908 Grand Avenue.

I thought it might be useful if we could have luncheon together on Tuesday, September 29th at 11:30 A.M., and arrangements have been made for us to have the west dining room at the Board of Education cafeteria, which is across the street from the building in which we will be having the rest of our meetings. The instructions will be very simple. Our purpose is to have you lead the discussion and to serve as resource person for those who are in your discussion group. We will also appoint recorders to serve with you so that the information that comes out of your discussion group can be pooled with me for a final address that will be made just before the close of the Workshop on Wednesday.

Each of the discussion periods will follow an address which, it is hoped, will provide some basis for intelligent conversation amongst the members of your group.

I look forward to seeing you, Tuesday, the 29th, 11:30 A.M., at the cafeteria at the Board of Education.

Faithfully yours,

Raymond T. Ferris by L.al.

Raymond T. Ferris

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

September 28, 1959

Miss Gertrude Shavin, Secretary
COMMUNITY RELATIONS CONFERENCE
334 North Crest Road
Chattanooga 11, Tennessee

Dear Miss Shavin:

Mr. Fleming referred your letter to me for handling. Mr. Routh, who corresponded with you last Fall, is now with the Michigan state Fair Employment Practice Commission and I have taken over the direction of the Field Activities here.

I am happy to know more about your group in Chattanooga, and to learn that you are following through with monthly meetings again this year. I trust you are in touch with Miss Louise Young, Executive Director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations. We cooperate closely with Miss Young, whose work also includes cooperating with groups such as yours.

There are persons related to the Southern Regional Council who could come to Chattanooga to counsel with you and/or speak to your group. Visiting state and local groups is my particular responsibility and I would be happy to come to Chattanooga some time. You are correct in assuming that James Dabbs or Marion Wright would be excellent speakers for you. Mr. Dabbs is currently president of the SRC; Mr. Wright is vice-president. These two men are nationally known and are in wide demand throughout the country. Other persons related to SRC who might be of service to you are: Mrs. M.E. Tilly, Director of Women's Work, and Dr. John Hope, II, Director of our Consultant Service Program. You would write to Mrs. Tilly and myself at the above address; to the others as follows:

Dr. John Hope, II, Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

I hope you will feel free to call on us at any time for assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

COMMUNITY RELATIONS CONFERENCE
Gertrude Shavin, Sect'y.
334 North Crest Road
Chatta. 11, Tenn.
Sept. 23, 1959

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Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Exec. Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir,

We are again writing to you for help. Mr. Fred Reuth, in his answer to our letter last Dec., indicated that someone from your office could come to Chatta. in the future and since we understand that he has taken another job, we are directing our request to you.

Despite resistance in the community and our inexperienced leadership, our group is holding together. Chattanooga's geographical position provides a strong KKK element so many of our citizens are afraid. Our Negro community has been slow in organizing so many in our white community "hope" that integration will bypass Chatta. We have made advances to possible "status" leadership and discovered that these sources will be available when the need is obvious but are reluctant to open association and publicity now.

Our policy at this time is to have monthly meetings with attractive, informative programs to keep our present membership and to gradually widen our circle. Therefore, could you furnish us with names of speakers from your organization, their available dates and the cost involved? Some of our members have been impressed with speeches given by James M. Dabbs and Marion A. Wright so they specifically requested these two men; however we will be guided by all the information you send.

Thank you for whatever assistance you can offer us.

Sincerely,
G. Shavin
Sec'y

Dabbs
Wright
PR
Mrs T

Hyde

October 6, 1959

The Rev. Will D. Campbell
National Council of Churches
P.O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Is your office at all interested in the possibility of reprinting and circulating Ralph McGill's article in the New York Times Magazine Section of September 27? The article dealt with the Southern preacher and his involvement with the race issue.

It seemed to us here a particularly valuable contribution, well worth circulating through the South. The National Council would seem a logical office to circulate it.

What do you think?

It was good to see you last week. I enjoyed our "conference" although I thought your steak house was lousy. I will close now because the World Series game is starting. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

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October 12, 1959

Mr. Paul Rilling
63 Auburn Ave.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Paul:

I have read the article by Mr. McGill which you mentioned in you recent letter and thought it extremely well done.

There are two reasons why I have not considered distributing reprints. One is the usual-budget. The other is that my mailing list of approximately 4,000 is composed of ministers and laymen already known to be committed or at least sympathetic to the idea of desegregation. The article says little that is new to this group. While it does put their feelings into words I doubt if it would help them much.

However, it occurs to me that it might be well to send a copy of it to each of these men with a letter saying that if they desired a copy placed in the hands of certain of their laymen, board members, etc. who, in the mind of Mr. McGill, are guilty of creating the agony, this office would do so without involving them in any way. This, I believe, would be quite valuable. Do you know what reprints would cost? Would we have to get it done or might they be secured from the Times?

No

10,000 – $206.50

Cordially yours,
Will
Will D. Campbell

November 23, 1959

The Rev. Will Campbell
National Council of Churches
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Our inter-agency subcommittee concerned with developing procedures to respond to the needs of displaced children due to school closure, wants to compile a list of desegregated private schools in the border states but also in some of the closer Northern states. It is our thought that some of these schools may be interested in taking displaced Negro students from time to time. This would meet an educational need and provide a good experience for the school.

Most of the schools are denominational. I thought I would write our inter-agency colleagues from several of the denominations for the information. I thought you might have some of the information. For instance, I would have no idea whom to write for information concerning such schools supported by the Mennonites, Seventh Day Adventists, etc.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

November 23, 1959

Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156 Acklen Station
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

We are trying to compile a list of private and parochial schools in the Southern and border states which are presently desegregated. We would appreciate having any information along this line that your files may yield.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

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Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

In answer to your request of November 23rd concerning the atatus of private and parochial schools in the southern and border states I am enclosing a copy of the November issue of Southern School News with the current "wrap-up" on this situation.

We have never been able to get complete data as to the integrated situations in private or parochial schools. This is information that doesn't seem to be available anywhere and is a closely guarded piece of information from the direct sources themselves.

I hope this enclosed article will be of some help to you. Let us know if we can help you further.

Sincerely yours,

Marybeth Wrenne

(Mrs.)Marybeth Wrenne
Librarian

January 22, 1960

The Rev. Will D. Campbell
National Council of Churches
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Under separate cover we are sending to you 7,000 copies of the McGill reprint, "The Agony of the Southern Minister." These copies are made available to you as you suggested so that you may distribute them to ministers, in hopes that they in turn may wish to secure additional copies for distribution to key laymen.

Cheers!

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

February 9, 1960

The Rev. Will Campbell
National Council of Churches
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

I thought your Vanderbilt Chapel address a significant and powerful effort which I hope will receive wide circulation.

It touched even us pagans.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 7, 1960

Mr. W. K. Seaman
P. O. Box 659
Johnson City, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Seaman:

We understand from Mr. Brooks Hays that you are working with a committee of churchmen in Johnson City concerned with the improvement of race relations. Mr. Hays has suggested that we send on to you any ideas or materials which might be helpful to such a group.

There are of course many groups and committees across the South, white and interracial, which are attempting to make some contribution in this troubled area of race relations. Some of them are interdenominational, some interfaith or secularly based. Most draw their support primarily from church motivated people.

I would suggest you might communicate with the Rev. Will Campbell, Associate Director of the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations of the National Council of Churches, 2001 Division Street, Nashville. Mr. Campbell's major role is to work with ministers and churchmen in the area of race relations.

We cooperate fairly closely with the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, a state-wide interfaith and interracial agency with offices in Nashville. The director of the Tennessee Council is Miss Louise Young (2001 Division Street), formerly a professor at Scarrett College and long prominent in church women's circles in Tennessee. I would think that either of these persons could be of considerable help to your committee.

Francis Pickens Miller, prominent church layman and formerly president of the Virginia Council of Churches, has been holding a series of interracial seminars for churchmen across Virginia for the purpose of broadening

communications. Some of his experiences might be valuable to you. His address is: Box 3665 University Station, Charlottesville, Virginia.

In some communities, there has been a tendency to leave all religious leadership on these issues to ministers and ministerial groups. I was happy to know that your group includes educators, businessmen and other laymen as well as clergymen. I think you will find that your committee can be of real service in broadening communication and in promoting constructive educational activities and developing solutions to specific local problems.

In giving attention to employment opportunities, you might want to get in touch with the President's Committee on Government Contracts, Washington 25, D.C and the President's Committee on Government Employment Policy, Washington 6, D.C. These are official committees, reflecting the concern of the federal government in these areas, and we have found their staffs cooperative and helpful.

We are enclosing some materials dealing with your suggested areas of activity. I hope you will let me know if we can be of further service.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc. - New South - selected copies
Report of Progress - Kentucky Employment Survey
Negro & the Ballot
A Second Look - ACCRA
The Churches Speak
We Open The Gate - Labor's Light for Equality
Greenville's Big Idea
Special Report - Housing for Negroes in Atl.
AFSC Employment Survey in Durham - Questions & Results

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March 20, 1960

Mr. Paul M. Rilling, Field Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue NE, Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a copy of WESLEY NOTES published by the Nashville Wesley Foundation. I believe it will answer your questions about Jim Lawson.

Sincerely yours,

Will

Will D. Campbell

composed and signed by JJW

galen r. weaver, recording secretary • will d. campbell, assoc. executive director

a unit of the division of christian life and work

P. O. Box 659
Johnson City, Tennessee

March 22, 1960

Mr. Paul M. Rilling, Field Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

The material which you sent us at the request of Mr. Brooks Hays has been received and is very much appreciated. The committee is getting in touch with two of the people mentioned in your letter for further help. We are grateful for your interest and assistance.

Very truly yours,

W K Seaman

W. K. Seaman

April 11, 1960

Mr. George Barrett
Nashville Community Relations Conference
2001 Division Street
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear George:

We would like to have twenty additional copies of "A Report on Nashville" by Wallace Westfeldt. If there is any charge, please bill us.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

Tenn. Council

May 3, 1960

The Reverend John Wagner, Jr.
Division of American Missions
National Lutheran Council
327 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wagner:

It has occured to me since writing you last month that one of the best sources of information you might consult is the Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue N.E., Atlant 3, Georgia. Mr. John Constable is director of information and has the most complete supply of up-to-date information in the region. I am sure that correspondence with him would prove fruitful.

I still have a request in to our department of sociology for some suggestions and I have learned that they will have something ready by next week. In the meantime, a letter to Atlanta might open up a new source of information. And, since your meeting will be held in Atlanta next fall, you might find the resources of the Council quite readily at your disposal.

Very cordially,

James D. Glasse

James D. Glasse
Director of Field Work
(President, Tennessee Council on Human Relations)

JDG:ca
CC: Mr. John Constable

May 18, 1960

Dr. Herman Long
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Long:

Paul Rilling is on his way to Europe for a vacation today, and asked that I write you. We are sending the enclosed memorandum to our state directors of Councils on Human Relations, and wanted to check several points with you. Is the Institute set up this year so that people already experienced in the field should come the first week if they can only attend one week? Paul says he hopes the statement about scholarship aid is still true. This was his understanding from talking with you.

We would appreciate your clarification of these matters and will pass on any information you suggest to our state directors.

With best wishes for your Institute,

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller (Mrs. Timothy)
secretary to Paul Rilling

Enclosure

RACE RELATIONS DEPARTMENT
AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION DIVISION
BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS, CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
FISK UNIVERSITY OFFICE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
CHAPEL 2-3396

HERMAN H. LONG, DIRECTOR

JOHN HOPE, II
DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

May 24, 1960

Mrs. Timothy Miller
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, North East
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Thanks a great deal for your recent letter and the copy of the memorandum which Paul Rilling was thoughtful enough to send to State Directors in behalf of our institute.

Yes, we are still offering half-expense scholarships to all state executives, board members and staffs for the institute. Persons may take this half-expense allowance either for one week or the full session.

There is one minor discrepancy: it would be better for those experienced in the field to come the second week rather than the first one. But I do not consider this serious, inasmuch as the presentations both weeks will be of value.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

Herman H. Long

Herman H. Long

HHL:rtf

August 1, 1960

Dr. W. G. Pollard, Director
Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Pollard:

I am mailing separately 25 copies of a report on the successful resolution of the sit-in situation in Nashville, Tennessee for your information and possible use.

The reports are being sent to you at the request of the Oak Ridge Community Relations Council. It is their hope and ours that some of the experience of Nashville might be useful to you as chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Race Relations in Oak Ridge.

I am also including two of our special reports on the sit-in situation in other cities of the South, which I trust will be of help to you.

Let us know if there is any other information that you need or if we can be of service in any other way.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

cc: Miss Elizabeth Peelle

PROPERTY OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS

August 2, 1960

Miss Elizabeth Peelle, Chairman
Oak Ridge Community Relations Council
409 W. Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Miss Peelle:

We are sending 25 copies of the Westfeldt report on Nashville directly to Dr. Pollard as you request.

We are unable to make arrangements to send a larger number to the Community Relations Council at this time, for our supply is virtually exhausted. Perhaps Miss Louise Young, Executive Director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, 2001 Division Street, Nashville, can secure the 100 copies for you.

We are exploring here the possibility of taking up the Davis Brothers situation directly with Mr. Stan Davis. Before we do this we need to know exactly what contacts have been made to date. Has the Mayor's Committee or the Mayor himself met personally with Mr. Davis and if so, what details can you provide. We are quite willing to attempt to arrange for a committee of local citizens to talk to Mr. Davis, but would like for them to be as well briefed as possible.

Thank you for enclosing the information on your Council. It indicates a great deal of forceful activity and a surprising degree of community agreement. I wish that all local groups could do as well.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enc. - cc of letter to Dr. Pollard & Price & Lambert reports

~~LD~~
~~BC~~
PR

409 W. Vanderbilt Dr.
Oak Ridge, Tenn.
July 27, 1960

Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Sirs:

I have just finished reading the Wallace Westfeldt report on "Settling a Sit-in" sent by SRC. This seems like an excellent document which could be influential with our Mayor's Committee and with various merchants wince our restaurant problems are still hanging and unsettled. Would you send 25 or more copies directly to the chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Race Relations, Dr. W.G. Pollard, Director, Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies...?

In the Community Relations Council we could use 100 or more copies easily. Please send me rates for this and larger quantities.

Also enclosed is a copy of the leaflet which has been distributed to every home in Oak Ridge (8500 total) as part of a CRC campaign in support of equal public services. An instruction sheet for canvassers is included because of the factual information on the back. For a few background facts: 1) the mayor's committee has issued an interim report (july 1) admitting that its negotiations were stalemated because of Davis Bros. Cafeteria's refusal to meet with them. 2) picketing organized by Negroes has been going on in front of Davis Bros. every day since July 6. 3)the current CRC campaign is an attempt to back the Mayor's Committee and rouse community concern through efforts to enlist as many signatures as possible in support of equal services (see text of proposed ad in enclosed leaflet). Scheduled publication date for our ad is late next week or early the second week of August.

Is there any possibility of some pressure being brought to bear on Mr. Stan Davis of Atlanta, owner of Davis Bros. cafeteria, about our problem with him? So far he has proved quite intractable in approaches made to him by the Mayor's Committee and the Mayor himself.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Peelle

Elizabeth Peelle
Chairman, ORCRC

City of Oak Ridge

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, P. O. BOX 1047, OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE

August 3, 1960

Mr. Paul M. Rilling, Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

The pamphlets you wrote about in your letter of August 1 have now arrived and been distributed among the members of the Mayor's Committee on Racial Relations. Thank you for your interest and assistance in keeping our committee informed of the situations and their resolutions in other southern cities.

There are 15 members on our committee, rather widely located geographically within our community. It would be helpful if you could supply us with 15 copies of any material you send in the future.

Sincerely yours,

William G. Pollard

William G. Pollard
Chairman, Mayor's Committee
on Racial Relations

have put in mailing list
8/3

409 W. Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tenn.
August 26, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council
Room 432,
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

Enclosed are copies for your files of both large ads published locally as part of our Community Relations Council campaign in support of equal public services. A third small ad was necessary to use up the $798 collected by our canvassers (mostly in amounts of 50¢). Picketing and sit-ins continue as organized by local Negroes, with the latest results being two restaurants open (the Gourmet and the new Holiday Inn motel restaurant), three partially open (Walgreen's, McCrory's, and Cole's drug store -- the latter having joined just yesterday), and others sitting tight or opposed as is Davis Brothers. We consider the changes to be largely the result of the direct protests, while our CRC efforts are aimed at the general "climate of opinion."

Sorry to be so delayed in answering your Aug. 2 request for information about what contacts had been made by the Mayor, Mayor's Committee, etc. with Mr. Stan Davis of Atlanta. As you can see, we have been busy, and the local situation is changing so rapidly that it requires considerable attention. Our efforts to get more specific information for you have not been very successful: our three most sympathetic contacts on the Mayor's Committee are out of town (including the chairman, Dr. W. G. Pollard.) Therefore we are relying in the following discussion upon less reliable and often third-hand reports.

Evidently there have been several recent contacts between Mr. Davis and members of the Mayor's Committee, some of which have included the Mayor himself, Mr. Al Bissell. We feel that this is an encouraging sign, since early reports (May, June, and probably July) had indicated that Mr. Davis had flatly and with little courtesy refused even to meet with the Committee. Alleged reports of Mr. Davis' stand now are: (you will see these are not consistent)

1) Davis Bros. will never integrate
2) He couldn't integrate in Oak Ridge because of the effect upon the rest of his (all Southern) establishments, especially Atlanta.
3) He realizes that "it is coming" but he can't be the first, in fact he must be the last because of 2).
4) Davis Bros. would never integrate, but if the situation really came to the point where his establishment was "holding up progress in Oak Ridge", he would "take steps."

The interpretation given to this last remark is that, in context, Davis was referring to the statement of the Mayor's Committee (July 1) which said that failure to solve the equal public services problem could adversely affect Oak Ridge's economic position and result in loss of government programs. It is thought that Mr. Davis meant that he would sell out or "do something" if it ever became an open-and-shut case of loss of government programs. (Of course, the assignment of new programs to government laboratories would not likely be decided upon this one point, but Oak Ridge could well lose out in future decisions where equal service for government personnel is one small nagging factor. We would lose out and probably never know about it - hence his conditions are not very helpful. Open-and-shut cases are hard to find.)

As for other background information about the situation: Estimates vary as to the effect which picketing and attempts by Negroes to be served have had upon Davis' business. From my own observations, it seemed obvious that business was down in the first month or so of picketing. Davis has of course continually released reports that business was booming. Waiters and countermen have had other stories as to how busy they were kept by the trade. I would guess that recently business has been back to normal (namely, fairly brisk.) Without having trustworthy comparable figures about his trade for this period and last year at the same time, it is hard to come to any valid conclusion. It is true, though, that "45¢ specials" at the cafeteria have become a daily occurrence, not just something reserved for Wednesday's family night special. This change has been accompanied by much increased daily advertising of same in the paper. (see enclosures.) Also enclosed is the text of a statement by Stanley Davis which has remained in the window of Davis Bros. cafeteria (covers most of one large window and is approx. 6 ft. x 10 ft.) since July 20; this statement was also published prominently as an advertisement in the Oak Ridger and both Knoxville papers the next day. (We consider it a small masterpiece of strategy in the battle, and it has won him considerable sympathy in certain quarters.)

We hope you can do something with Mr. Davis, though this information is neither complete or especially reliable. There is some need to be cautious in approaches either to Mr. Davis or the Mayor's Committee, because we don't wish to be put in the position of "meddling" in their negotiations. Things will be in better shape next week when the chairman of the Mayor's Committee returns to town.

Let us know what if anything happens on your end, and we will try to keep you informed on developments here.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Peelle

(Mrs.) Elizabeth Peelle

THE EAST TENNESSEE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OCTOBER 27, 28, 29, 1960

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August 30, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

The East Tennessee Teachers Association will meet for its Forty Eighth Annual Convention at the Howard School, 2500 Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 27, 28, 29, 1960. On Friday morning at nine o'clock, October 28, we would like for you to appear on a four member panel - "The Status of, and Next Steps in the Promotion of Integration in Our Schools". We feel that you are most competent to help our teachers as a member of this panel. If you are unable to appear, perhaps there is some one whom you can recommend. The Association will present you with an honorarium and pay all expenses incident to your trip to Chattanooga. An early reply will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Monroe D. Senter

Monroe D. Senter
Executive Secretary

September 9, 1960

Mr. Monroe D. Senter
Executive Secretary
The East Tennessee Teachers Association
Beardsley Junior High School
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Senter:

I appreciate your invitation to appear as a discussant on the program planned for the East Tennessee Teachers Association on October 28. My schedule has been a little uncertain this fall because of new developments in the South, but I think the 28th should be a safe date.

I trust you will be sending me more information about the panel, how much time we will be allowed, who the other members will be, and anything else that will help me prepare.

I look forward to being with you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

October 4, 1960

Mrs. Jean Russell
824 Tusculum Boulevard
Greenville, Tennessee

Dear Jean:

Your contribution to the Bob Hughes fund is gratefully and happily acknowledged. Approximately $2,000 has now been raised from individual donations such as yours. We are still hoping for some assistance from national organizations, etc, though little has come in so far.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

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October 11, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
Room 201
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

The letter from Duncan Hunter strongly indicated that it was his feeling that we should not proceed with the project of circularizing all of the ministers within the Methodist Church. I do not feel that I am in a position as an employee of the National Council of Churches to do anything which an official of a constituent denomination has advised against.

However, I have talked with Thelma Stevens of the Women's Division of the Methodist Church, and she will discuss the matter of the debt with the Board of World Missions. It is her feeling that it would be appropriate for this Board of the Church to assume the responsibility of the debt since Bob is now one of their ministers. I am not sure that this will be looked upon with great favour by M. O. Williams and other members of that Board. If they do not agree that this is their responsibility, she then plans to take the matter before her own Executive Committee and recommend that they attempt to raise the money within the Methodist Church. She also indicated a willingness to circularize the ministers if this becomes necessary, and she shares our feeling that the facts of the case should become widely known. Information will probably come directly to you, but I will keep you posted as there are further developments.

Cordially yours,

Will

Will D. Campbell
Associate Executive Director

WCD:imf

October 12, 1960

Miss Elizabeth Peelle
409 West Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Miss Peelle:

I regret to say we have been unable to bring any effective pressure to bear on Mr. Davis here. We have checked with some of our contacts who are close to him. They feel that none of them can achieve anything considering his firm and stubborn position.

The student group in Oak Ridge has been in contact with the Atlanta student group. Possibly the students would consider sympathetic picketing at other Davis cafeterias, if you think this might be helpful. The trouble here is that in Atlanta the students are not yet moving on any facilities that are not related to stores soliciting Negro patronage in other departments.

I am sorry that we have not been able to be of any help to you. I will be in Nashville for the Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Council October 17. Perhaps we can talk further at that time.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

FISK UNIVERSITY
NASHVILLE 8, TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

October 21, 1960

Dr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul,

I should like to request two things:

(1) A copy of the issue of the New South that carried an article by Benjamin Muse dealing with the impact of school desegregation developments on industrial developments. I believe it was published either in late 1958 or early July. mailed 10/24/60

(2) I should like to be placed on your mailing list for items that your office distributes via such lists.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Vivian Henderson

Vivian.

October 24, 1960

Mr. Monroe D. Senter
Executive Secretary
The East Tennessee Teachers Association
Beardsley Junior High School
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Senter:

I have made plans to come to Chattanooga Thursday evening and will be with you at 9 a.m. at the Howard School for the panel concerning the status of integration in the schools.

It would help me if you could give me some further indication as to the nature of the panel, how much time will be allowed, the scope of the discussion, the identity of the other panelists, etc.

As you can readily understand, the subject is rather broad to enable me to prepare without a better grasp of what you have in mind.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/am

October 24, 1960

Dr. Vivian Henderson
Department of Economics and
Business Administration
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Vivian:

We are mailing today the issue of New South which you requested and have put your name on our mailing list for future reports and publications of the Council. This included everything except New South, which has a subscription fee of $2.00 per year.

If we can be of additional help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

return
S.M.

re-printed in
Southern School
News.

November 8, 1960

Dr. Eugene A. Weinstein
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Weinstein:

As I indicated to you at the recent meeting of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, I believe that your presentation on "The Negro Family's Decision to Desegregate" contained some extremely useful material and would be suitable for publication in our New South magazine.

When I raised this point with you, you said that you did not feel that New South publication would in any way interfere with your planned use of the material in an article for a professional journal.

This is to let you know that we do plan to go ahead with New South use of the study. If any changes are made other than superficial editing, we will of course submit the proofs to you for examination.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

November 17, 1960

Mr. Monroe D. Senter
Executive Secretary
East Tennessee Teachers Association
Beardsley Junior High School
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Senter:

My expenses for the Chattanooga trip were as follows:

Round-trip air fare		$23.10
Limousine		3.00
Taxi		2.00
Food		1.50
	Total	$29.60

I enjoyed being with your group in Chattanooga very much and was sorry that I had to leave so soon after lunch.

With best wishes

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

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1201 COLLEGE STREET
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

11/23/60

Dear Mr. Billing,

We are most grateful to you for your contribution to the success of the annual meeting of the East Tennessee Teachers Association. The members have been very high in their praise of your services.

Enclosed, you will find a small check, which we wish applied to your travel expenses.

Yours very truly,

Monroe D. Senter

$20.00 cl
RHA
12/5/60

334 North Crest Road
Chattanooga 11, Tenn.

December 19, 1960

Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Gentlemen:

About a year ago, Mr. Benjamin Muse visited our city. He explained that his position with Southern Regional Council was to contact businessmen with the hope of getting them to understand the problems and reasons for peaceful desegregation.

Today Chattanooga is about to desegregate the public schools. The plan is to be submitted to the courts on Dec. 20th, and Judge Darr will give his ruling on Jan. 9th. It is expected that the school board will try to prepare the community at that time with the aid of other groups. If some of our business people could be persuaded to give vocal expression to compliance, we feel the board will be encouraged and much resistance and possible violence will be avoided. There is an integrated ministerial group who has contact with some of the businessmen as a result of their work this summer on lunch counter desegregation. Many of the members of this group belong to the local human relations organization, Community Relations Conference, of which I am program chairman.

We wonder if Mr. Muse is still engaged in this activity, if he is available to us, and on what terms. Knowing this we can then offer his services and hope it will be used. Could you let us know as soon as possible?

May I take this opportunity to thank you for the reports you send us. They are excellently prepared and extremely useful.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs. S.) Shemin

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January 6, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
Room 201,
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Lewis Deere called me regarding the possibility of his going to work in Little Rock for the group which Cartwright et al have formed. I am sure that you have more of the details of this organization than I. My advice to Lewis was that he be rather sure of the financial foundation and community support of such an organization before he consider it further.

The purpose of this letter is simply to suggest to you that Lewis is quite anxious and downright irrational in his desire to get back to the South, and I should think that it is quite possible that he would be interested in the Alabama Council job. Of course, part of his interest in going to Little Rock might stem from his having been there for several years, and his family might veto an offer from Alabama.

My own feeling is that if you could get him for any of the State Council jobs, you would be fortunate. Unlike some of us religionists, his motivation is primarily humanistic, and since his theological education was at the University of Chicago, you would not need to fear that he would be offensive to any of the non-Christian brethren.

Cordially yours,

Will

Will D. Campbell
Associate Executive Director

WDC:imf

Paul:
Let me know if you go to Fayette County. It looks like I am going to have $2,000 from the State Labor Council dumped in my lap and I don't know how to do it with the situation being what it is. They don't want to be identified publically with it but want the "right" people to know they are interested to that extent. Do you suppose the Tenn. CHR could donate a house trailer or two (the families could rotate sleeping inside) with the Labor money, letting the right people know where it came from? Or something. I haven't mentioned it to Kay because Matt Lynch doesn't want anyone to know about it until it is sure it is coming through.

January 11, 1961

The Rev. Will Campbell
National Council of Churches
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

I think we have made substantial progress on our personnel problem with the state Councils. It appears virtually certain that Gene Ethridge will after all accept the Alabama job, although not reporting until June 1. I believe the Georgia Council is also on the verge of obtaining a final commitment from a qualified person. The Atlanta job still remains somewhat uncertain. Lewis Deere was present when I made my general appeal for these jobs and he made no comment, although I spoke with him afterwards. I will, however, write him specifically about his possible involvement. You did not help things at all by urging him to be sure of the financial foundation before accepting such a position. We don't have jobs with firm financial foundations around here.

I think it would be quite appropriate for the Tennessee Council to accept the funds you mention in relation to Fayette County. I am not in a position to know how these can best be expended, but I guess this amount could purchase one or two trailers. Take it up with Kay. Let me know if I need to be involved.

Paul M. Rilling,

Sincerely

PMR/sm

For your information
Paul Rilling

xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2011 Grand Ave.

January 17, 1961

The Rev. H. B. Sissel, Assoc. Secretary
The Board of Christian Education
The Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.
Department of Social Education and Action
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

COPY

Dear Mr. Sissel:

Some of the denominational staff persons working in human relations have expressed a desire to meet with their colleagues of other denominations to discuss possible constructive programs in those cities facing school desegregation in the fall of 1961. Based on the experience of Little Rock, New Orleans, Nashville and other cities, it does seem advisable that the interest the several communions have in peaceful desegregation be indicated prior to the advent of the crisis.

All of us have a different approach, and none is in a position to commit his denomination to any finalized program. Nevertheless, some of us feel that it would be helpful to share ideas and proposed projects and programs. It has been exactly one year since we met at Chapel Hill to discuss the general situation. This office has agreed to serve as convenor so that the group might discuss this specific item.

We have set the meeting for February 28 to March 1 in Nashville. By beginning at 2:00 P. M. Tuesday, most of those from out of town can get to Nashville that day. We should be able to adjourn by noon, Wednesday. We can assemble at this office (2011 Grand Avenue), and hold the sessions at the Methodist Board of Education.

The Methodist Guest House is located next door to this office, and if you desire overnight accomodations there, please let me know immediately, so that reservations can be made.

Several people who will be involved in this meeting have requested information on Fayette and Haywood counties. A few will make a visit to "Tent City" while here; if you would like to join the group, you will be welcome.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience, along with any suggestions for agenda.

Cordially yours,

Will D. Campbell
Associate Executive Director

WDC:imf

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February 27, 1961

The Rev. W. L. Barnes
Lucas Avenue
Huntland, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I agree with you that a biracial committee can be extremely useful in preparing the ground for school desegregation. Such committees have played varying roles since the 1954 decision. Sometimes such committees are publicly identified and work to gain public acceptance of the principle and plan of desegregation. More often they are behind the scenes groups which advise the school superintendents and chief of police as to procedures prior to the fact, and trouble shooting after the fact.

I am sending separately a copy of a recent report we prepared on biracial committees. Most of this data, however, relates to the sit-in situation and is therefore not too relevant. I am sending on a copy of Action Patterns in School Desegregation which notes the experiences of some 70 communities in carrying through desegregation plans. I am also sending the analysis of the way desegregation came to Baltimore and Louisville.

May I refer you for additional assistance to Miss Katherine Jones, director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations (2011 Grand Avenue, Nashville), an organization with which we cooperate closely.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

Lucas Ave.
Huntland, Tenn.
Feb. 25, 1961

Mr. Paul Relling
5 Forsythe St., N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Relling,

I am a Methodist pastor in Huntland, Tennessee, and serving as chairman of a committee of the Franklin County Ministerial Association. The purpose of the committee is to prepare a report for presentation to the officials of the county. This report would consist of data arranged to the effect that, in preparation of the soil for desegregation, it would be wise to appoint a bi-racial committee, whose function would be, not only to do spade work before desegregation occurs, but to serve when the so-called "crisis" comes. Other communities have helpfully used such committees. My question to you is this: Do you have any printed material that might add weight to the recommendation that such a committee should be formed? Are there any records of how such a committee has helped in Nashville, or Washington, D.C., or any other place? Do you know where I might obtain such data? I am sure that Lillian Smith is right in stating that "the future is not stumbled upon; it is created out of words and acts."

Any materials or suggestions that you have would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Barnes

The Rev. W. L. Barnes

March 2, 1961

Mr. George A. Key
Orchard Knob Junior High
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Key:

It has been impossible for me to adjust my schedule to be with you at your state meeting March 17. I find, however, that Paul Anthony, our executive assistant, would be able to represent us on this occasion. Mr. Anthony, a native of Virginia, was trained in human relations at the University of Miami and has been with the Council for some five years. He is undoubtedly one of the most effective speakers in this area in the South.

We are hoping that your budget will permit reimbursing actual expenses for Mr. Anthony's travel. The limitations on our travel budget are such that we have been forced to decline speaking engagements except in cases where expenses are met, or to events sponsored by state and local councils on human relations cooperating with us. I have told Mr. Anthony that if you would like him to be with you on the 17th, you will write him directly, giving him any details of time, place, and the nature of his remarks that he made need.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

717½ Battery Place
Chattanooga 3, Tennessee
March 3, 1961

Mr. Paul R. Rilling
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

As a result of your meeting with us last week, the local Community Relations Conference is in the process of setting up plans of action.

To this end, we would very much appreciate having from you a summary outline of your remarks that night.

We remember the three requisites to smooth advance preparation which you gave us, and the six techniques to be used in preparing for desegregation, but we would feel more secure if we had a brief reminder of what various other communitites found to be useful approaches.

We regret to inconvenience you further, when you have already taken the time to come to Chattanooga. Your presence here with Mr. Brown was most stimulating. Committees are already hard at work, and happy at having assignments. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Claire Andreae

Claire Andreae
Corresponding Secretary

March 3, 1961

The Rev. Major Jones
607 Dodson Avenue
Chattanooga 4, Tennessee

Dear Major:

As requested by Arnold Slater, I am including a statement of my expenses in connection with the recent meeting of the Chattanooga Community Relations Council. May I say that I very much enjoyed the opportunity of participating in the meeting and that I hope you will keep me informed concerning developments in Chattanooga.

One way air fare	$11.55
One way bus fare	4.40
Hotel	7.75
Breakfast	1.00
Taxi and limousine	3.00
	$27.70

Please make the check payable to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

Lucas Avenue-
Huntland, Tennessee
March 4, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling,

I am indeed grateful to you for the abundant and relevant material you sent. You have been most helpful. I must admit, however, that in our quest for data concerning what can be done before the so-called "crisis" occurs, it has been somewhat surprising to find such a lack of material concerning what can be done specifically prior to the crisis. At the same time, it is easy to see why so many communities - especially small, rural communities - do so little "ante eventua", before the event of litigation or sit-ins, etc.

I do commend you on your work, and if the report we are preparing results in any amelioration of the too-frequent negative factors of desegregation, then you will have shared significantly in the amelioration. It is joyous to be living in a day when such a deep sin and tragedy is being healed in our society. And surely both exploiter and exploited will share in the ultimate healing.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Barnes

The Rev. W. L. Barnes

D. Harris

R-T-Wisp

B.R.

March 6, 1961

Mr. Jessie H. Turner
Executive Vice President and Cashier
Tri-State Bank of Memphis
386 Beale Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Turner:

The Southern Regional Council would indeed appreciate the privilege of participating as a member of the Fayette-Haywood Counties national coordinating committee. There clearly is a need for an organized coordination effort and you are rendering a significant service to the situation by taking the lead in this effort.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to be represented directly at your meeting March 11. If we may, we would like to have our interest represented on this occasion through the Tennessee Council on Human Relations or its Memphis chapter. As you know, we work closely with this group. I know you are acquainted with the new director, Miss Katherine Jones. I would hope that the Tennessee Council can also become one of the participating agencies on the committee. I trust that it will be possible for me to be present at the future meeting of the committee.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

TRI-STATE BANK OF MEMPHIS
386 BEALE STREET
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February 28, 1961

Southern Regional Council
Room 201
5 Forsyth Street N W
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Gentlemen:

I am writing you about a matter in which I believe your organization will be interested. You have doubtless heard of the plight of the Negro farmers threatened with evictions for attempting to register to vote in Fayette and Haywood Counties in Tennessee. There are many agencies and individuals throughout the country, who are desirous of assisting, and who have assisted the people of these counties by contributing food, clothing, money and advice. Unfortunately all those persons working on this problem have done so without a very close relationship to others who may have a similar concern.

We are therefore attempting to establish a committee to accomplish the following purposes:

1. Provide a responsible channel for the distribution of relief to needy individuals in the counties.

2. Provide some assistance and counsel in the solution of long range problems.

3. Serve to co-ordinate the activities of organizations and individuals having an interest in these problems.

In order to effectuate this we feel it important to establish a national committee composed of representatives of those organizations which have manifested an interest in Fayette and Haywood Counties, along with representatives from the affected counties. We are inviting your organization to participate in this enterprise, along with individuals and organizations whose names appear on the attached list. We do not plan to invite any further participation except through the agreement of those who respond to this request favorably.

In order to get the plan under way, we have elected temporary officers to serve until a more permanent organization can be set up. A list of the temporary officers is also attached.

The next meeting of this committee will be held at 1:00 PM, Saturday, March 11, 1961, in the Administration Building, LeMoyne College, Walker Avenue at McDowell Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

We sincerely hope that you or your designated representative will be able to attend this important meeting.

Yours truly,

Jesse H Turner

Jesse H Turner
Temporary Chairman
Fayette - Haywood
National Co-ordinating Committee

JHT/js

FAYETTE-HAYWOOD COUNTY
TENNESSEE NATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE
386 BEALE STREET
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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FAYETTE - HAYWOOD COUNTY
TENNESSEE NATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE
386 Beale Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Participants

1. Organizations

National Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A.
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dr. Frank P. Graham, Chairman
National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc.
112 E. 19th Street
New York 3, New York

National Urban League
14 E. 48th Street
New York City

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Southern Regional Council
Room 201, 5 Fersyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Committee on Racial Equality
38 Park Row
New York, New York

Monsignor (George G. Higgins, Director)
Social Action Department National Catholic Welfare Association
1331 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Mr. George Meany, President
AFL - CIO
815 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Mr. Matthew Lynch, Secretary - Treasurer
Tennessee State AFL - CIO
939 Church Street
Nashville, Tennessee

2. Religious Denominations which have already shown an interest in this problem.

Church of the Brethren
c/o Mr. Harold Row
22 S. State Street
Elgin, Ill.

Board of Christian Service, General Conference Mennonite Church
722 Main Street
Newton, Kansas

American Friend Service
160 North 15th Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

National Baptist Convention, U.S.A.
3101 So. Parkway
Chicago 16, Ill.

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
c/o Bishop Julian Smith
664 Vance Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Council for Social Action, Congregational Christian Church
287 Park Avenue, S.
New York, New York

3. Other Organizations

Haywood County Civic and Welfare League
Brownsville, Tennessee

Fayette County Civic and Welfare League
Somerville, Tennessee

4. Individuals

Shephard Towles, Fayette County Civic and Welfare League

Scott Franklin, President Fayette County Civic & Welfare League.

John McFerren, Fayette County Civic and Welfare League

L. C. Bates, National Office, NAACP

Phillip Savage, National Office, NAACP

Al Rawls, Haywood County Civic & Welfare League

George Graves, President Haywood County Civic and Welfare League.

Curry P. Boyd, Haywood County Civic & Welare League

Odell Sanders, Haywood County Civic & Welfare League

J. A. McDaniel, Memphis Urban League.

W. C. Patton, Field Secretary, NAACP

Theodore E. Brown, Ass't Director, Dept. of Civil Rights, AFL - CIO

Ted Poston, New York Post

Allen Yancey, Somerville Branch NAACP

4. Individuals

Hollis F. Price, President LeMoyne College, Memphis, Tenn.

Richard Haley, Field Worker CORE, New York City

Miss Margaret McCulloch, American Friend Service

H. L. Mitchell, President Agricultural and Allied Workers Union #300, AFL - CIO

A. E. Cox, Secretary - Treasurer, Agricultural and Allied Workers Union #300, AFL - CIO

B. L. Hooks, Treasurer Mutual Federal Savings & Loan Assn.

J. F. Estes, Attorney

Jesse H. Turner, President Memphis Branch NAACP

H. T. Lockard, President Tennessee State Conf., NAACP

Will Campbell, Nashville, Tennessee

Eugene Leuning, President Memphis Chapter of Human Relation

Miss Faye Bennett, National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc.

Mrs. Ruby Hurley, NAACP

John Brooks, NAACP

Tenn Gen

via air mail

March 14, 1961

Mr. G. A. Key
Chattanooga Public Schools
Orchard Knob Elementary School
400 Orchard Knob Avenue
Chattanooga 4, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Key:

Thank you for your letter of March 8th. I shall be happy to serve on the Human Relations Panel at the Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Education Congress.

My present plans are to arrive in Nashville on the 17th at 7:54 a.m. Therefore, I should be at the meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. without difficulty.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Chattanooga, Tennessee

ORCHARD KNOB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
400 ORCHARD KNOB AVENUE
CHATTANOOGA 4, TENNESSEE

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March 8, 1961

Dr. Paul Anthony, Executive Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
201 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Anthony:

Through communication from Mr. Paul Rilling dated March 2, 1961, I was advised that you will be available to serve on the Human Relations Panel at the Annual State Convention of the Tennessee Education Congress on March 17th.

I shall be happy to have you serve and hereby indicate that your actual expenses for travel will be reimbursed.

The Human Relations Workshop Panel will be composed of Mr. John Hope, Dr. Long of Fisk University, Miss Catherine Jones of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations and you. I propose that each participant will explore his area of interest for 10 minutes in a formal discussion, and that at the completion of each participant's discussion, there will be a question and answer period directed to members on the panel.

The meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., March 17, 1961 in the auditorium of the Education Building at Tennessee A & I State University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Yours truly,

G. A. Key

G. A. Key

GAK/blh

April 3, 1961

Mrs. Robert S. Hill
28 Bruce Street
Jackson, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Hill:

I am sending you a copy of the Louisville Story which will give you some background on how the Louisville community moved in a number of areas. They have, however, run into trouble recently concerning lunch counter desegregation, even as has Jackson. I am also enclosing some materials concerning solution of lunch counter activities in various communities.

I am glad to learn that interracial discussions are moving forward in Jackson. I think this is a very useful step in the light of your recent difficulties. It is hard for me to give you any more specific help without more detailed knowledge of Jackson and of the problems you may be working on. I believe that you have a desegregated bus situation and also a desegregated library. I believe you are not facing a school suit but are involved in demonstrations concerning lunch counters. If this is so, the Louisville experience may be of only limited value to you although the developments prior to desegregation there might indicate some useful directions.

We will be happy here to consult with you in more detail from time to time and I might even be able to come to Jackson at some time in the future. I hope that you are in touch with Miss Katherine Jones, the very able director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations (2011 Grand Avenue, Nashville). We cooperate very closely with the Tennessee Council.

Sincerely,

cc - Kath Jones with copy of original ltr.

PMR/sm
Enclosures - Louis Story
Lunchcount, Price
Westfall

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

MVH

March 28

Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Ave.
Atlanta, Ga.

Gentlemen,

I am writing to request information concerning Louisville, Kentucky and the manner in which intergration, in any & all phases of the city life, was conducted.

The interested citizens here in Jackson, both white and negro, are meeting regularly to try and find out how best a move of this kind can be carried out in our

our community. We wish to avoid the obvious mistakes made in other cities and benefit from the successes of still others. We are told that Louisville had a very happy experience and this address was given us as a source of information.

I will greatly appreciate any help you can give us.

Thank you -

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert S. Hill
28 Bruce St.
Jackson
Tenn.

April 5, 1961

Mrs. E. G. Silver
201 East Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Silver:

In response to your letter of the third, I am enclosing a list of our local councils on human relations in the cities requested. If we can be of any further help, please let us know. I am sure these groups would welcome the support of any of your women in the various cities.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timothy Miller, secretary
to the Field Director

ALABAMA

Montgomery Council on Human Relations
Dr. R. D. Crockett
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Ala.

Birmingham Council on Human Relations
Dr. C. Herbert Oliver
55 18th Avenue South
Birmingham, Alabama

Mobile CHR
Father Albert Foley
Spring Hill College
Mobile, Ala.

GEORGIA

Atlanta Council on HR
Harry Boyte, Exec. Dir.
Mrs. Walter Paschall, Chairman
41 Exchange Place, S.E., Room 309
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Mrs. J. Watkins Dimon
2039 13th Street
Columbus, Ga.
(Columbus CHR)

Dr. Willis Glover
1680 Adams Street
Macon, Georgia
(Macon CHR)

South Carolina

Greenville CHR
Dr. E. L. McPherson
118 N. Calhoun Street
Greenville

(There are chapters in
Beaufort, Ridgeland, Rock Hill
and Sumter, but not in the other
places you mentioned.)

TENNESSEE

Charles L. Cleland, Chr.
Box 1011
Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Robert W. Peelle, Chr.
409 West Vanderbilt, Oak Ridge

Mr. George Barrett, Chr.
216 - 3rd Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee

The Rev. Arnold Slater, Chr.
1800 Crestwood Drive
Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Rev. Eugene Luening, Chr.
4443 Sequoia
Memphis, Tennessee

FLORIDA

Rev. J. B. Nichols
914 Baylin Street
Pensacola (PCHR)

Mr. I. H. Burney
Box 660
Jacksonville (JHRC)

Mississippi

None

201 East Vanderbilt Dr.
Oak Ridge Tennessee
April 3, 1961

Southern Regional Council
Room 201
5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir,

Would you pleaske be kind enough to sned me the following information before Monday, April 17th. I would like to know if there are any Human Relations groups in the following cities, If not Human Rights groups by such name, groups working in these cities by some other name perhaps, but working towards a goal of understanding the problems in desegregation--and working to ease inter-group tensions etc.

ALABAMA, Montgomery, Birmingham and Mobile Councils on Human Relations

Georgia, Atlanta, Columbus, Macon Councils on Human Relations

South Carolina, Charleston, Conway, Greenville, Walterboro

TEnnessee, Bristol, Johnson City, Kingsport
Knoxville, Oak Ridge, Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga

Florida, Pensacola, Jacksonville L-20

Mississippi, Biloxi

I would like to have this information to include it in a social action report I will be making at the meeting of the Southern Regional Conference, of the* National Women's League on April 18th.

Many thanks,

Sincerely yours,
Fran Silver
(Mrs.) E G Silver

* National Women's League, of the United Synagogue of America

April 7, 1961

Mrs. Claire Andreae
717½ Battery Place
Chattanooga 3, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Andreae:

I hope you will pardon my long delay in answering your letter of March 3. I have been on the road quite a bit during March and had some difficulty in locating the notes of my Chattanooga talk.

I think the major points could be briefly noted as follows:

Planning and preparation for school desegregation is of considerable value in attaining a smooth change. Although such preparation is no guarantee, it has tended to minimize the dangers coming from the disruptive elements in the community. One of the tragedies in recent years is the virtual absence of such preparation in communities moving into school desegregation. The attitude generally seems to be that to prepare for desegregation is to countenance or support it. To avoid seeming to endorse desegregation, school boards in the South in recent years have refused to plan. The New Orleans experience of last fall is an excellent example of a community which took few if any steps to prepare. Nashville was, in fact, the last large community which made any significant preparatory effort.

Whenever possible, the effort to plan for school desegregation should be coordinated by the school board and school superintendent. Such effort can have much better impact with official sponsorship. This was the system used in Louisville, Baltimore, and St. Louis. Even where the superintendents or school boards are willing to take the lead in community preparation, there is strong need for private groups to be involved so that all portions of the community may be reached.

The three most essential ingredients for a calm transition to some school desegregation are probably: 1) community leadership which is publicly united and on record in support of law and order; 2) prepared law enforcement machinery which would deal firmly with disorders and so states before the fact; 3) cooperative mass media which interpret the situation to the public and does not create hysteria by sensational reporting of developments surrounding desegregation. Where these factors have been present, there have rarely been major difficulties. The events of a Little Rock or of a New Orleans tend to occur when leadership is silent, divided, or vacillating.

There are two obvious aspects to the process of advance preparation for change. One is the preparation of the community, the other the preparation of the schools themselves.

I. Preparation of the community.

A. Public support by leadership elements. This usually takes the form of public statements by both public officials and key business figures and by leading groups such as the Chamber of Commerce, labor unions, etc. urging support of the school board and calling for calm and order. In Nashville, this need was met by the organization of the Committee of 1,000. A similar committee emerged in Norfolk.

B. Support of religious leadership. In Louisville, St. Louis, and Nashville, the religious leaders played a significant role in efforts to interpret the coming change and to answer many of the fears in the community. In Louisville the superintendent personally wrote every minister, priest, and rabbi. Some times a special Sunday is set aside for emphasis on the issue. In other communities the ministerial associations have made public statements or coordinated a program aimed at reaching and preparing their parishioners.

C. The cooperation of the PTA's. The PTA groups have a natural concern with the process of change because of their involvement of school support. They usually will cooperate if officially requested to do so by the superintendent's office. They have usually not cooperated in the absence of such an official request. In Nashville, Louisville, and in Montgomery County, Maryland, The PTAs were an important aspect of community preparation. In Louisville, each PTA had at least one meeting on the transition. Some PTAs had several. In some communities the superintendent or assistant superintendent has made it a point to meet with each PTA.

D. Speeches and discussions. A fairly common technique

is to set up a speaker's bureau, sometimes including official school spokesmen to attempt to carry the facts before civic, service, and professional groups. In some communities, including Miami, Florida, there were neighborhood "coffees" or discussion groups throughout the city to inform the people. In one Kentucky community, a white school principal and a Negro school principal appeared jointly before a number of civic groups to explain the plan and to answer questions.

E. Interpretation through the mass media. Only a relatively small stratum of the community is reached through existing civic and service groups. The most effective way to reach the largest number of citizens is through the newspapers, radio and television. It has been found most helpful for the media to explain the coming change in some detail, to point up the experience of other communities, etc. In Atlanta, the Council on Human Relations carried a series of discussions with superintendents of cities which had desegregated. In each case the superintendent was interviewed by a panel of outstanding Atlanta citizens. In New Orleans, the television station carried a series of film reports on such communities as Charlotte, Little Rock, etc. In some communities, school authorities have been able to establish agreements with the media concerning the coverage of opening day developments.

F. The dissemination of materials. There are a number of excellent materials available dealing with the experience of different communities, with the economic effects and dangers of disorder, with the role of police, etc. It has sometimes been found useful to plan special distributions of these materials to business leaders, public officials, civic leadership, etc.

The primary aim of community preparation is the creation of a general climate of acceptance, calmness, firmness, and dignity. It is sometimes suggested that such public efforts at preparation will simply create fears and stir up extremist elements. The experience of the last seven years does not vindicate this point of view, although some dangers in this direction may well exist. This was was the argument used in New Orleans last fall. It is our belief that such efforts strengthen the forces for law and order and decrease the potential response to disruptive elements.

II. The preparation of the schools.

A. The schools are best prepared where there is some background of cooperation between white and Negro school

personnel. This often means combined staff meetings, principals conferences, etc. I believe this background has existed for several years in Chattanooga.

B. Superintendents have sometimes held planning conferences with small groups of principals and teachers concerning problems that may arise and how they should be dealt with. These planning sessions deal with such matters as the assignment of teachers to desegregated classrooms, the handling of publicity on opening day, etc.

C. The use of special supervisors. In Montgomery County, Maryland and in St. Louisville, special school personnel were given primary responsibility for supervising the desegregation process within the school. In Montgomery County, an assistant superintendent was appointed for this purpose. In St. Louis, it was a supervisor.

D. Teachers workshops. In Oak Ridge, Washington, and Baltimore, workshops were held locally to prepare teachers for possible problems. In other communities, teachers have been sent away to human relations training sessions at NYU, Boston University, or elsewhere.

E. Small groups of visiting teachers and principals have observed the actual experiences of desegregating communities by visiting these schools.

F. Sometimes the students are prepared through assembly talks or smaller meetings with student leadership. In Atlanta, the superintendent has announced plans to visit every high school this spring in preparation for desegregation from the top down next September.

The role of the non-public human relations council is generally to support the efforts of school or civic leadership, to prod for such efforts where necessary, to supplement these efforts with the kind of interracial consultation that is often difficult to attain in Southern communities. Such private groups were officially noted as sources of strength in Louisville and Baltimore. One thing such interracial groups can achieve which is rarely done by other community organizations is to plan for some meetings of white and Negro parents whose children may well be attending the same school. Depending on the age groups involved, the children can also be brought together in advance of desegregation. This somewhat minimizes the strange feeling and provides the entering Negro child with some acquaintances already at home in the new school.

I am sure there was some sort of conclusion on this talk, but my notes don't seem to indicate it. I am also sending along a copy of some preparation plans which were drawn up by some local groups in Atlanta for the consideration of other groups and the school superintendent. Even though the document contains nothing really new, it should be treated as confidential.

I hope you will let me know how your plans are coming. I note that the school board did bring in an alternate plan as ordered by the district court, calling for possible grade-a-year desegregation in Chattanooga next fall. I guess this depends on whether or not the circuit court of appeals holds a special session this summer.

Let me know if we can be of further service.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

Other correspondence in same Ent'l folder.

May 12, 1961

Mr. H. Kirkland Osoinach
1822 South Parkway East
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Osoinach:

It is frankly quite outside our normal method of operation to make grants of funds to individuals for conference purposes. We generally channel our funds into assistance to state groups and financing of publications in the field of human relations.

Give us a little more information, however, and we will take another look at the problem. What expenses would be involved in sending Mr. York to Chicago? So far as any continuing assistance to his work, we would not be in a position to help. We might be able to recommend some persons whom you might contact in this connection.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

May 12, 1961

Mr. Eugene Cox
Delta Foundation
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Osoinach and our response. We are not in close touch with this situation and would appreciate your counsel as to how we should respond.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosures

1822 S. Parkway E.
Memphis, Tenn.
April 28, 1961

The Southern Regional Council
Room 201
5 Forsyth St.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Friends,

I am writing you in hopes that it will be possible for you to assist me in making it possible for a representative of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to attend the American Indian Chicago Conference to be held at the University of Chicago in June. Mr. Emmett York, formerly Chairman of the Mississippi Choctaw Tribal Council and now its secretary and treasurer, is a man of extreme ability and courage. When I was doing my field work for my M. A. thesis in social anthropology at Chicago, he gave me a great deal of help. I feel that it is very important that he attend the conference, both because of what he can contribute to it, and his experience there will do in the Mississippi situation.

The problem of extreme and unyielding xx Indian segregation in their homeland is compounded by the fact that the larger part of the Bureau of Indian Affairs staff is drawn from among local white residents who give every indication of sharing prevailing Caucasian attitudes as to the Indians. Mr. York spends a great part of his time in representing the cause of his fellow tribesmen to white officials. He spends countless hours and gallons of gasoline to this end. In a recent letter to me, he asked if I knew of any organizations that might be interested in helping him in his efforts, his immediate goals being to attend the conference in Chicago and to go around the local country and mmet with well disposed white citizens of the area who might be sympathetic to the Indian childrens' being entered in public schools. I told him that the one thing my experience in the world of anthropology and social action might be good for would be to contact such groups.

Many subsidies are available for community development workers, and the like, who would go into places like this. I feel that such a grant would be well employed to aid Mr. York. Could the S. R. C. do this? If not, could you suggest to me someone who might? Back in 1957, my mother wrote you a letter of indignant protest about the Choctaw situation. From what I have learned since then, the numerous copies of it which you sent around to other organizations did as much as any other one thing to make the problem known to national organizations. For this service,

The S outhern Regional Council

many thanks. I hope that you will be able to help in some way in this time of real need.

The Tribal C ouncil is se nding the present Chairman to the conference. This is fine, and ordinarily I should agree that one representative is enough. As I have said, however, Mr. York's ability and experience will be of value there.

Incidentally, by way of personal identification, I am a member of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, and my mother is on the Board of that organization as well as membership chairman of the Memphis Chapter. If you knew Miss Pam Coe, who worked with your organization a while back, I am happy that I was the one who first introduced her to the Choctaws. As you may know, she too did her M. A. thesis on the basis of field work done in the Mississippi Indian communities.

Thank you ve y much; I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Very sincerely yours,

H. Kirkland Osoinach

H. KIRKLAND OSOINACH

May 23, 1961

Dr. Herman Long
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

I am planning to be at the Institute during the second week, if events permit. I will be happy to give one of the morning talks that week on whichever day would fit best into your schedule. I don't know what would be best to focus on either, but we can worry about this in a couple of weeks when time and the march of events may indicate a good choice of topics.

Send me about 50 brochures, unless you have already sent copies to state directors. If so, let me know.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

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HERMAN H. LONG, DIRECTOR

JOHN HOPE, II
DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

May 17, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

This is a follow-up on the conversation we had briefly during your visit here at the workshop meeting of the Nashville Community Relations Conference. I want to pin down some of the things we talked about. First of all please announce, through whatever means you find convenient, the fact that we are again offering to executives, members of the staff and boards of the several state councils half Institute scholarships for those who may be able to attend. These scholarships may be awarded in terms of a half expense for the two weeks or a half expense for one week. This does not mean, however, full expense allowance for only one week.

Secondly, you were generous enough to give us a commitment to speak at the Institute this year. I hope you have kept this in mind because we would very much like to have you speak during the second week's schedule. At the present time, we have our first day of that week, Monday, fairly well scheduled. But practically any of the other mornings of that week would be open for your presentation. You indicated that you might be able to stay the whole week, and especially if members of the state staffs came, with whom you could have some valuable consultations. If your plans now do not permit your staying for this long, please indicate the range of days for wich you can come, and we will fit your presentation into that schedule.

I appreciate more than I can say your continued interest in the Institute and your willingness to cooperate so generously. I look forward to hearing from you and to the possibility of having you with us this year.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

Herman H. Long

Herman H. Long

P.S. I do not have a special title in mind at the present time, but it seems to me that if you were to give a general review of developments in the South it would serve our purpose admirably. I know you cannot review everything, but a great deal of interest may center upon the things which have happened in Georgia recently in the area of the University of Georgia developments and prospects for school integration in the fall. But of course you need not limit yourself to this emphasis alone.

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HERMAN H. LONG, DIRECTOR

JOHN HOPE, II
DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

May 30, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Thanks a great deal for your reply to my letter concerning the Race Relations Institute. I am glad that you are planning to be here for the entire second week. I have scheduled the morning of Friday, June 30, as the time for your presentation. It will fall at 8:00 o'clock, the first seminar session that day. The seminar ends at 9:30, giving about an hour and a half to presentation and discussion. I suggest that your discussion might be anywhere from 40 minutes to an hour, if you wish that much time. I am giving you the rather general title of "The South and Race Relations: An Overview." This will give you a rather broad format within which to make whatever emphasis you may wish.

I sent under separate cover 50 brochures about the Institute. Already we have had one reservation to come in from the director of your Georgia Council, Mrs. Frances F. Pauley of Atlanta.

I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

Herman

Herman H. Long

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FISK UNIVERSITY
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Writer finds Fisk's famous Race Relations Institute breeds a loyalty "worth its weight in freedom"

NEW WIND IN THE OLD SOUTH

BY SAVILLE R. DAVIS

Reprinted from The Christian Science Monitor

FISK UNIVERSITY'S placid campus is an odd candidate for the center of the world on a sultry summer evening. There is none of the usual evidence of vortex here. The chattering news tickers with their insistent bulletins from Korea seem remote. Life eddies in a politely segregated way just beyond the confines of this southern Negro university, and on campus there is nothing more dramatic than the distant roll of thunder as an organist finishes Bach's *D Minor Toccata* with a flourish and Thurgood Marshall rises to tell the Race Relations Institute about some lightnings recently loosed by the Supreme Court.

It is a quiet scene, and yet this is the center of the world for a moment. The question of whether the free world deserves to remain free is being measured here. An issue is at stake which is bigger than Korea, an idea is being shaped which could be a surer defense in that part of the world than all the planes which Gen. Douglas MacArthur commands.

Here in the South, at a vulnerable point in America's moral armor, it is clear that excellent progress is being made on the race problem. It is difficult not to seize a typewriter and report that democracy is safe—safe at the core. It is difficult not to call out across the Pacific to the peoples of South and East Asia, "You can trust us now."

Any such burst of enthusiasm would stretch the facts. But there are moments when a reporter senses that the corner is turned, and at that point hope leaps ahead of the many difficult jobs remaining to be done. It is an immensely refreshing experience to come here from the outside world of dense problems and dishearteningly slow speed in solving them, to find that the slowest problem of them all has suddenly begun to resolve, almost with breath-taking speed.

The best evidence is not in big, spectacular developments like the recent Supreme Court decisions, important as they are. You find it, rather, filling your notebook after a day of reports, lectures, and workshop discussions at the institute here, in the form of smaller signs of progress on the community level.

You hear of the wealthy white Texan who has just told three southern schools he will leave them large bequests if they admit Negro students.

Or the survey of restaurants in Washington, D. C., where 17 out of every 25 said they were now glad to serve Negroes.

An announcement to southern churches of visual aids for discussion groups on race relations astonished the sponsors by bringing nearly 5,000 requests.

White teachers in Atlanta, Ga., took their white students on a visit

to Negro schools in areas where some of the nation's most blighted housing problems exist. They talked with both pupils and teachers. What they learned and reported to their parents has helped to ease a particularly tense situation.

A recent poll of the faculties of white universities in the South showed that 68 per cent felt that segregation in their institutions could and should be ended. This percentage has probably increased since the Supreme Court decisions.

There were 91 summer institutes dealing with race relations this past summer, most of them at colleges. In addition, there were 116 regular summer courses in this field. And during the past winter season, 1,580 courses were held in 293 colleges and universities.

When the notebook begins to fill with items like these, even the skeptic can see that there is a new wind blowing through the South. The men and women who tell the institute of rapid progress in their communities are technicians, trained social workers or lawyers, who do not easily yield to optimism. Most of them are Negroes and they include many of the leading figures in this field. If they showed bitterness, frustration, and resentment at the many chains which still bind their people, it would be understandable. If they talked of stirring up rebellion, of meeting the force of circumstances and restrictive laws with counterforce, at least it could be said that they faced some provocation.

But there is no bitterness here. These are not frustrated people, prey to extremism. They joke easily, with lively humor. They give the impression of men and women working for a principle of equality of man which is larger than they and which gives breadth and poise to their point of view. They do not feel that violence is either desirable or inevitable. They seem rather to feel that you don't have to use force if the tide of events is in your favor.

There was a long, exhaustive discussion of one community where Negro housing conditions are bad. A few heavy industries control the town; they had boomed in wartime and now there is unemployment. The Negroes feel they are not wanted and that the town would rather be rid of them than help build decent houses. But they have nowhere to go. Racial tension has grown to the point where it could be ugly.

The community organizer telling this story said that almost everything had been tried in an effort to get help. The local newspaper, millowners, labor unions, ministers, local businessmen, all appeared to be unsympathetic, and it seemed impossible to rouse either civic pride or self-interest. What, the local colored leader asked, could the experts of the institute suggest?

The answers were revealing. Exasperation and sharp measures were not the way out. Had the local editor been unsympathetic? But did you realize what patience and, above all, persistence could accomplish? You have to visit the editor over and over again, convince him of your sincerity, bring him an objective and authoritative report of the facts and get him to make his own investigation. In time, even if he is a skeptic, honesty and facts will win at least his respect.

The millowners didn't seem to care? But they live in the town, and in these days no one wants to live with the ugliness of racial tension. Countless employers have been brought to see that it is damaging

to their interests. Perhaps the local ministers can be persuaded to plead the case. Or approach the millowners directly and repeatedly with all the civic backing you can muster.

One of the old hands at this sort of thing said: "It's remarkable what persuasion and the force of an idea can accomplish if you support them with skill in negotiation. But these things take time. Just to change the thinking of one person in the community is an undertaking. You say you've exhausted all the means of support. The chances are that you have not worked at them long enough and carefully enough."

And he told of civic campaigns where skill and patience accomplished what force and impatience could not. The community organizer from this town will go back home with a new devotion to the power of ideas, and with a list of some 10 specific things that can be tried to break the deadlock in his community. They begin with an authoritative survey of the facts, so impartially managed that it will be convincing, and end with a carefully planned campaign to lay these facts directly before the millowners and leaders of the town with maximum likelihood of gaining their confidence and support.

Reduced to print in these words the constructive mood of the suggestions almost sounds weak and defeatist. But in the discussions here it was nothing of the sort. It came from thoroughly modern, young, skilled negotiators who know that intelligent persuasion, backed by the compulsion of events in these days when racial ugliness is damaging to all concerned, can and does get results. These are the men who would advise sharper and more tough-minded measures if anyone short of the Communists would. But instead they spelled out ways of fixing grievances which are as supple and democratic as democracy itself could wish.

One editor of a large and militant Negro newspaper, who would be intolerant of any soft attitude or appeasement, gave his formula for persuading the whites to support the cause of equality. Appeal to their sense of sporting fair play, he said. This is one of their most deeply ingrained characteristics. Also to their conscience; they don't want to do things of which they will be ashamed. Finally, openly encourage those whites who are helping to bring about reforms. They will appreciate it, and even in the South they will find that their stand brings increasingly favorable comment from their own race.

This is scarcely a formula for revolution. But the man who put it forth says that it brings results.

The mood here would not comfort the enemies of democracy. Social change, in the face of the towering complexities of this problem here in the South, is not being pressed to the point of explosion. The leaders of the crusade here are not willful or even unwitting incendiaries. They are men and women who feel deeply the shame of discrimination and second-class citizenship as it is imposed on them by history and circumstance, but who are also intensely loyal to the very western system which has left them for so long an aggrieved minority. That is a loyalty which appears here to be worth its weight in freedom.

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SAVILLE R. DAVIS is American news editor of *The Christian Science Monitor*. He participated in the recent Race Relations Institute at Fisk University.

June 8, 1961

Mrs. E. G. Silver
201 East Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Silver:

Paul Anthony shared with me your letter of May 18, concerning the survey of the Gamble Valley community. A number of local groups related to us are considering various kinds of surveys. We would therefore appreciate it very much if you could send up copies of your questionnaire, as well as your results.

Congratulations on the fine and active program of the Oak Ridge Community Relations Council.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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201 E. Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tenn.
May 18, 1961

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Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street NW
Room 201
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Anthony,

Many thanks for being kind to me on my visit to Southern Regional Council office. I now have a picture when the council is mentioned, and believe it or not, it adds another demension in reading material.

Sent regards

Enclosed you will find the clipping from the Knoxville News Sentinel which I spoke to you about. Hope it will be of some interest.

We have at last started on our own survay of the Gamble Valley community in Oak Ridge. As a matter of fact we hope to have it completed by nex Saturday, May 29th. Thanks to the help of Dr. Martin, of Knoxville College, I think we have a good questionaire prepared, We hope to have a better picture of vocational skills in the community by the time we are finished.

If we can share this questionaire with any other community, I am sure the group will be very willing to do so. Sorry I donot have one at home to enclose to you, but if you are interested I will amil you one.

Thank you again for some of your busy time.

Sincerely yours,

Fran Silver

(Mrs. E. G. Silver)

June 16, 1961

Dr. Herman Long
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herman;

The program for your Institute looks excellent. I will probably arrive Monday evening, June 26 and remain throughout the week. I am struck with the contrast between the specific nature of most of the topics and the general nature of that assigned to me. I am grateful for this leeway.

I understand that in addition to Mrs. Pauley, our new state directors from Virginia and Alabama will be on hand for the entire Institute, as will Kay Jones from Nashville and the new associate director from Arkansas. Harry Jones from North Carolina plans to attend during the second week. Don't bill the Rev. Norman Jimerson, the new director of the Alabama Council, for his expenses. It is my understanding that they will be paid by the Alabama Council and that the bill should be sent to the Alabama Council on Human Relations (1220 Comer Building, Birmingham 3) . I ask this because Jimerson will not be reporting to Alabama until August 1, and is not yet on the regular travel expense basis.

I look forward to being with you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 20, 1961

Dr. Herman Long
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

I would like to bring my wife along next week when I come to the Institute. Would there be room?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

MRS. RICHARD D. PRESENT
21 HIGHLAND HILLS
KNOXVILLE 19, TENN.

June 21, 1961

Dear Mr. Relling,

Thank you very much for your letter of June 20th.

Our committee has written to several Catholic groups and has been trying to make some headway at St. Mary's Hospital here, through their administrator, Sister Annunciata. However, we we are glad to know of the Nat. Catholic Conf. for I. J.

Your welcome suggestion will be acted upon with a detailed report of our committee — the present status, and a request for advice.

Sincerely yours,
Thelma Present, Chairman
City-Wide Committee for Equal Services

June 20, 1961

Mrs. R. D. Present
21 Highland Hills
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Present:

Several people in Knoxville have mentioned to us your current effort to obtain more hospital facilities for Negro patients in the Knoxville area. One thing occurred to me which you may already be doing. The Catholic hospital might be reached through some of the national Catholic organizations. I am thinking specifically of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice (21 West Superior Street, Chicago 10, Illinois). This group has a strong interest in these matters and has excellent contacts in the Catholic hierarchy. If you are not in touch with them, I suggest that you write to Mr. Mathew Ahmann, Executive Director, for his advice and possible assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

CITY WIDE COMMITTEE FOR EQUAL SERVICES
C/O Mrs Present, Chairman
21 Highland Hills
Knoxville, Tenn.

There are four(4) hospitals located in the Knoxville area. Of these fourthe Univ of Tenn is the only one with facilities for Negro patients-one wing with 50 beds. Total bed capacity in the city approximately 1,000. 12½% of the population are limited to 5% of the beds available.

St Mary's Roman Catholic Hospital is under the jurisdiction of the Sisters of Mercy located in Cincinatti Ohio. Knoxville is there only segregated establishment. Upon approach the Sisters have maintained that this is a problem which must be decided by the local administrator, a Sister Anunciata, who in turn has refused. The Knoxville Academy of Science has like wise refused to take any possitive action after being requested to do so by some of its Negro members.

Contempalted course of action was to place an ad in the two Knoxville papers detailing all of the facts, and at the same time distributing aletter to leading members of the community requesting their support. One of the underlying assumptions is that the Baptist hospital is for all practical purposes hopeless at the moment, but the Catholic St Marys is rather prone to external pressure. There is some talk of setting up a picket line around all three hospitals.

My suggestions which you may or may not agree with were to:

1- Attempt to filter into Catholic circeles the threat of a pickett line. This might tend to provoke a change rather than accept the adverse publicity.

2- If this is unsuccessful within a reasonable period, distribute the qbove mentioned letter and have it placed in the local press. Permit approximately 4 days for local reaction making certain to plant a letter to the editor which would clearly articulate white objections(which most of the white community could identify with) and then place the ad restating the case and refuting by point all in the letter to the editor. The picketting be syncronized with the first letter so as to permit refutation in the ad.

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Mr. Paul Rilling
Associate Director for Field Services
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

We on the SERS staff are looking forward to hearing you at Fisk next Friday morning. If your schedule permits, we would like very much to have you visit our offices while you are in Nashville. Perhaps you could drop by after lunch. I'll check with you next Friday at the institute.

Sincerely yours,

Reed Sarratt
Executive Director

CITY-WIDE COMMITTEE FOR EQUAL SERVICES
21 Highland Hills
Knoxville, Tenn.

July 1, 1961

JB
Return to MM

Mr. Mathew Ahmann, Executive Director
National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice
21 West Superior Street
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Ahmann:

We appreciate your prompt reply to our letter. The information you requested follows. I have numbered your questions so that you may refer to your copy.

1. St. Mary's offers no medical service or facilities to Negro patients except emergency service. If hospitalization is needed after emergency treatment, the patient must be transferred to our U. T. Hospital. No Negro physicians on the staff, and no staff privileges.

2. The Hospital admits patients of all denominations.

3. Employed are a few Negro R.N.'s, L.P.N.'s, Aides and in menial labor.

4. The majority of all employees are non-Catholic.

5. 800 beds.

6. 50 beds for 22,000 Negroes available at U. T. Hospital. See first section "Human Relations News".

7. Outside of U. T. Hosp. in Knoxville, the nearest integrated hospital is about 25 miles away, and a few others at greater distances. Please note, we refer only to general hospitals. There is an integrated nursing home, and Children's Hospital - bothworking beautifully.

8. The Knoxville Medical Association is integrated. Copy of letter from KMA enclosed,

9. No.

10. The conference with Sister Annunciata took place about six months ago with three members of our committee, after more than a year's effort. She finally called and arranged the conference. At that time she stated that she considered it a moral obligation to integrate; she had reservations about proper timing, about public acceptance, and most important that the Knoxville Academy of Medicine might not support her. She said a statement of support by the KMA would be very helpful in reaching a decision. The impression was left that it was just a matter of working out details. There was a question of financial risk - particularly if the other two church-affiliated hospitals did not follow suit. However, she was anxious to be the first of these hospitals to integrate. Since receiving a reply from the KMAwe have been trying to arrange another appointment with Sister Annunciata. In the last few weeks 25 Negro children have been attending summer school at the Holy Ghost School, and there is a good chance that our movie houses will integrate. So far we have not succeeded in seeing her. As an alternative, I was able to meet with her assistant, Sister Mary Laura about a month ago. She was to relay our conversation to Sister A., but nothing has come of that meeting. There has been some encouragement from

Bishop Adrian of Nashville, but since the hospital is run by the Sisters of Mercy, the decision rests with Sister Annunciata.

11. A new wing was added to the hospital last year with funds from the Ford Foundation. A nursing home was added a few years ago. At the moment, there are no additions in the works. I cannot say whether or not the Negro community has contibuted any money - except for individual Catholics. (I do know the Negro groups have been solicited by both the Baptist and Presbyterian Hospitals - and they have contributed heavily.)

12. Several members of the Knoxville Area Human Relations Council are working on our committee, and the Council has given us valued assistance.

I hope our answers will be useful, and we will, of course, by glad to give you any further information.

I shall see that your name is put on the mailing list of the "Human Relations News".

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. R. D. Present, Chairman

6/30/61

Dear Mrs. Reeling:

I noticed Mr. Almann sent you a copy of his reply to me dated June 28th., and I thought you would also like a copy of our answer. He sounds as if he means business. In the meantime, we are continuing our efforts here in Knoxville.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. R. D. Present

NATIONAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
FOR INTERRACIAL JUSTICE
21 WEST SUPERIOR STREET
CHICAGO 10, ILLINOIS

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Thanks Paul.
Matt

Chicago, Illinois
June 28, 1961

Mrs. R.D. Present, Chairman
City-Wide Committee for Equal Services
21 Highland Hills
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Present:

I am grateful that you have written me about the restrictive policies of the Catholic hospital in Knoxville. I wonder if you could give a little more information which I will need to go to work on the problem from this end.

Does St. Mary's Hospital offer any services for Negroes? Do they admit any Negro patients? Do they give emergency treatment to Negroes? Do any Negro physicians have staff priviliges, or serve on the Staff?

Does the Hospital admit white people who are not Catholic?

Does the Hospital have any Negro employees? If so, in what categories?

Does the Hospital have non-Catholic employees? If so, in what categories?

How many beds does the hospital have?

What facilities for Negro patients are available in Knoxville?

Are there any integrated medical facilities in Knoxville, or nearby?

Is the Knoxville Academy of Medicine an integrated, a white or a Negro association? Can you send me a copy of its resolution?

Is there any separate Catholic administered medical facility for Negroes?

Can you give me a little more complete picture of your one conference with Sister Annunciata?

Has this hospital — St. Mary's — built any additions recently, or does it have any additions in the works? Has it raised money from the Negro community?

Sorry to ask so many questions. But you probably know the answers off hand, and they would be very helpful to me.

Is your organization a part of the Knoxville Area Human Relations Council?

I would be glad if you could put me on the list for the HRC's "Human Relations News.

Very sincerely yours,

Mathew Ahmann

Mathew Ahmann
Executive Director

cc: Paul Rilling

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Sincerely yours,

Reed Sarratt
Executive Director

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July 6, 1961

CITY WIDE COMMITTEE FOR EQUAL SERVICES
c/o Mrs. Present, Chairman
21 Highland Hills
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Present,

A friend of mine, Sam Noumoff, suggested that I send you some information which might be helpful in your campaign on behalf of Negro patients in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Hospital.

I suggest the following contacts as persons who might possibly be of some assistance to you:

Rev. Joseph E. Leppert
St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus
1644 Jackson Blvd.
Memphis 7, Tennessee

Rev. Robert A. Wendeln
#2 Gail Court
Covington, Kentucky

Rev. Albert J. Henkel, Pastor
Holy Ghost Church
111 Hinton Street
Knoxville 17, Tennessee
(Regional Director of Catholic Charities in East Tennessee)

Rev. Leo Baldinger, Chaplain
St. Mary's Memorial Hospital
Oak Hill Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee

I know that Father Leppert and Father Wendeln will be sympathetic with your work, and may possibly know of further important contacts for you in Knoxville. Best of luck.

Yours sincerely,

Michael J. Coleman

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July 17, 1961

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156, Ashlen Station
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sarratt:

Paul Rilling's heavy July travel schedule is keeping him out of the office much more than in it; during the few minutes he was in town this morning, he asked me to write you to the effect that at least 500, or a maximum of 750 copies, of the July issue of Southern School News should be mailed to the South Carolina Council on Human Relations for distribution. (Current membership of SCCHR is some 500; delinquent members brings the total on mailing list to 750.) Paul suggests that you send along a copy of Harry Jones' covering letter, which went out with the mailing in North Carolina, in case SCCHR director Alice Spearman wishes to use it as a model. The address is:

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina.

We understand that Kay James of the Tennessee Council has talked with you directly and arranged for a mailing to members of that organization.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM:s
cc: Mrs. Alice Spearman

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July 11, 1961

Dear Paul:

In the event that you have not yet received my letter of July 3, I am sending you a duplicate of it.

The July issue of Southern School News is being mailed today. I had 1,000 extra copies printed for distribution as you directed.

It probably will take us several days to prepare the copies for mailing, but we should be able to get them off by the end of this week. Please let us know to whom, and where, to send them.

Thanks a million for your co-operation. I'll be in touch with you again before we print our August issue to learn how many extra copies of it to have printed.

Sincerely yours,

Reed Sarratt

Mr. Paul Rilling
Director of Field Services
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Executive Director

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, N. C.

June 12, 1961

TO: Members and Friends of the Council

FROM: Harry S. Jones

We are enclosing a copy of the June issue of Southern School News. This is a monthly publication which gives a factual and unbiased account of what is happening in the Southern states as a result of the U. S. Supreme Court decisions of 1954 and 1955 outlawing enforced racial segregation in the public schools.

Anyone who wants to be informed in this area cannot afford to be without the Southern School News. You will find an envelope and subscription card enclosed. I recommend that you make use of it.

If you are already a subscriber, would you kindly hand the enclosed sample copy to someone who might be interested?

July 18, 1961

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

As requested in Marge Manderson's letter of July 17, we are sending you under separate cover 500 copies of the July issue of Southern School News. This will be sufficient only to cover your current membership. If you will be interested in extending the mailing of sample copies to the additional 250 persons on your list of delinquent members, please let me know, and I will have enough copies of the August issue printed to take care of it.

Along with the 500 copies of the paper, we are sending you the envelopes in which they are to be mailed. Subscription cards and postage-paid return envelopes already will have been inserted in each copy of the paper.

You are to enclose with the paper a letter or memorandum over your signature suggesting to your members that you think they would find Southern School News of sufficient interest to subscribe to it. I am enclosing a copy of such a memorandum written by Harry Jones and mailed with sample copies of Southern School News to members of the North Carolina Council.

Please let us know the cost of the postage in order that we may reimburse you for it.

I want to express deep appreciation to you for your willingness to help us in this way. One of our greatest difficulties is reaching people who might have a special interest in Southern School News to inform them of its availability. I realize that this sample mailing involves a considerable amount of work on your part, and for that reason I thank you all the more.

Sincerely yours,

Reed Sarratt
Executive Director

Enc.

cc: Mr. Paul Rilling
Miss Marge Manderson

July 18, 1961

Miss Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Manderson:

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Sincerely yours,

Reed Sarratt
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Paul Rilling

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July 27, 1961

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Executive Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
P.O.Box 6156 Acklen Station
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sarratt:

Both the Georgia and the Florida Councils on Human Relations will be very happy to distribute sample copies of the August Southern School News to their members. Please send the papers, envelopes, etc., in the quantities noted below, to:

Mrs. Frances Pauley
Executive Director
Georgia Council on Human Relations
41 Exchange Place, S.E., Room 309
Atlanta 3, Georgia — 550 copies

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109th Court
Miami 55, Florida — 750 copies.

I feel rather certain that Mrs. Pauley and Mr. Williams would appreciate receiving a copy of Harry Jones' covering letter also, if possible.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

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July 31, 1961

Miss Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 201, 5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Manderson:

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Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Reed Sarratt
Executive Director

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August 11, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling, Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

On my return from vacation today, I found this letter from the President of the Jackson (Tennessee) Council. As you see, they are anxious to know our plans. Will you let me know immediately, or write directly to Mr. Forgy, sending a carbon to me. Will you also let me know what preparation I should make for this meeting.

I gather that we are bursting out all over with new problems in Nashville. Swimming pools are still closed. There has been violence accompanying picketing of a grocery chain which does not employ Negroes in its sales staff.

Hastily,

Katherine Jones
Katherine Jones
Executive Director

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Bring along some copies of how South, please. We have rec'd no "extra copies" since May issue, and they are gone.

VIA AIR MAIL
September 19, 1961

Mrs. Sue B. Ish
1483 South Parkway East
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Ish:

I find that I will be arriving in Memphis at 10:45 P.M. Sunday. In view of the lateness of the hour and because I've learned from past experience that I will need some time that night to "polish" my talk, I believe it would be more convenient for me to simply go to a hotel that night. This would obviate the necessity for anyone to meet me so late at night. I will simply come to the YW at 9:00 A.M. and take advantage of the hospitality that has been arranged for me Monday evening.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 15, 1961

Mrs. Sue B. Ish
1483 South Parkway East
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Ish:

As I begin to prepare my material for the various commitments you have arranged for me in Memphis September 25, I would appreciate knowing how long a talk you would like me to make. I am assuming on the basis of your letter of April 10 that I am to give a progress report on where we stand in the field of civil rights and race relations from a national and regional viewpoint.

The most convenient schedule to Memphis would have me arriving at 9:20 A.M., Monday, September 25. You indicated the workshop would probably begin at 10:00 A.M.. Is this too risky a travel schedule? Would it be better from me to come up Sunday night? I am looking forward to this day in Memphis and to meeting with you and members of the Memphis Council on Human Relations. I am somewhat intimidated by the heavy schedule that has been planned for me, but I am sure that I will survive the day. I have been anxious to get a clear picture of the Memphis situation.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 15, 1961

Mr. John Charles Mickle
764 Walker Avenue
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mickle:

The arrangements you indicate in your letter of September 9 will be quite satisfactory, I think.

Thank you for arranging my lodging. I look forward to seeing you on the 25th.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

TELEPHONE WHITEHALL 6-9493

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764 WALKER AVENUE

MEMPHIS 6, TENNESSEE

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RES.: 762 WALKER AVENUE
TELEPHONE WHITEHALL 8-7488

September 9, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

Thank you for your letter of September 5, 1961.

An informal dinner meeting at LeMoyne College Commons on the 25th at 6:00P.M. will afford an opportunity for discussion between you and the members (local and state - Memphis - officers) of the Tennessee Council.

At the evening meeting at 8:00 o'clock at Second Congregational Church, we would appreciate your speaking on the subject, "Public Schools Desegregation In Atlanta, Georgia." We plan to allow time for questions following your address.

Lodging is being provided for you at the home of Mrs. J.A. Osoinach and her sons, 1822 So. Parkway, E., on Monday night.

If the above meets your approval, I look forward to seeing you on September 25th. If you have changes to make to the above, please write me by return mail.

Sincerely yours,

J.C. Mickle

John Charles Mickle, Acting president
Memphis Chapter, Tennessee Council On Human Relations

September 5, 1961

Mr. J. C. Mickle
c/o Second Congregational Church
764 Walker Avenue
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mickle:

I am looking forward to being with the YWCA workshop and the membership of the Council on Human Relations September 25. I note that you state that I will address a "public meeting" that evening. While I am perfectly willing to be useful in any way that I can, my first letter from Mrs. Ish stated that I would be involved in a "consultation with the membership." Of course, you are in the best position to judge how I might be most useful to the Memphis Chapter. In case you do carry through with a public meeting, I am enclosing the requested biographical data. I really would rather be guided by your concerns in selecting a topic for a public speech. In view of the possible desegregation in Memphis schools this fall, would there be interest in a discussion of school desegregation in Atlanta? Or, would you prefer an over-view of the current situation in the South? What would best fit in with your program? We could do something on the direct action movement as exemplified in the sit-ins and Freedom Rides.

I will need over-night lodging Monday evening, since the only possible flight back into Atlanta from Memphis will be early Tuesday morning.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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cc: Mrs. Stanley Ish

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September 1, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 201
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

Mrs. Sue Ish told me recently that you have accepted an invitation to share in a YWCA workshop and address a public meeting sponsored by the Tennessee Council On Human Realtions at Memphis on Monday, September 25, 1961.

The public meeting will be held at Second Congregational Church, 764 Walker Avenue at McDowell, at 7:30 P.M.

I would appreciate your sending me the subject of your address and biographical information about yourself by return mail.

Since I plan to attend the morning and afternoon sessions of the workshop as a consultant, I'll look forward to seeing your there. Please let me know if you want over-night lodging provided.

Sincerely yours,

J.C. Mickle

John Charles Mickle, President
Memphis Chapter
Tennessee Council On Human Relations

May 12, 1961

Mrs. Sue B. Ish
1483 South Parkway East
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Ish:

I will be happy to be with you for your program on the 25th of September, and look forward at that time also to meeting with the Memphis Council on Human Relations. This takes care of the expense item nicely.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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Sue B. Ich

1483 South Parkway East, Memphis 6, Tennessee

May 5, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

Thank you for your reply of April 27 to my request.

We are very sorry that the Y.W.C.A. does not have funds for your travel costs. The Executive Committee of our council on human relations met, however, and requested that I invite you to come here for a consultation with the membership on September 25. The hour would be 7:30 P.M. for the council and 9:30 or 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. for the Y.W.C.A.

I am a member of the Council's Executive Committee; Rev. Eugene Lowrey of 4443 Sequoia Rd. is our president.

May we have a confirmation of these two events for September 25?

We are eagerly looking forward to your visit!

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Ann B. Ish

P.S. Dr. Ross Pritchard, professor of Political Science and International Studies at Southwestern, will be our other speaker.

April 27, 1961

Mrs. Stanley Ish
1483 South Parkway East
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Ish:

Harold Fleming, who left his position as director of SRC on April 21, asked me to reply to your letter of April 19.

The program that you are planning sounds like a vital and important one. I believe that as the field representative for the Council, I would be the most logical person on our staff to fill your program request and I can, so far as I now know, be with you on September 25, if this will be satisfactory.

We receive many requests of this kind throughout the South, and I am sure you will understand that our travel budget is limited. Wherever possible, therefore, we ask the sponsoring group to reimburse travel expenses, except where state and local councils on human relations are involved. We do service these groups out of our own travel funds.

If the YWCA would have difficulty in meeting my travel costs, perhaps we could arrange a consultation around this date for me with the board or membership of the Memphis Council on Human Relations. If this were possible, it would justify, I believe, my coming on my own budget for these two events.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

Sue B. Ish

1483 South Parkway East, Memphis 6, Tennessee

April 10, 1961

Mr. Harold Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

The Public Affairs Committee of the Y.W.C.A. Board of Directors is planning a workshop for September 25, 1961 from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. We are inviting representatives from various organizations in the city to pool their experiences and resources in order to bring about more inclusive membership; we are mainly concerned with racial inclusiveness.

We plan to have a speaker give us the historical background and assess the situation as it is now from an <u>international</u> viewpoint.

We would also like to have someone from your organization to tell us where we are now, viewing the situation from a <u>national</u> and <u>regional</u> viewpoint.

The discussion leaders will take up the local situation when we divide into groups for the workshop.

We would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible and hope for a favorable reply.

Yours truly,
Sue B. Stah
(Mrs. Stanley Stah)
Co-Chairman, Workshop Committee

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104 W. Damascus Road,
Oak Ridge, Tennessee,
September 25, 1961.

Mr. James McBride Dabbs, President,
Southern Regional Council,
5 Forsythe Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Doctor Perry Ottenberg has told our organization ("The Oak Ridge Federation for Equal Public Services") that your Council might be able to help us obtain a competent speaker in connection with our activities in attempting to eliminate discrimination based on race in Oak Ridge. The membership of our federation is made up of a large number of civic and Church groups.

While the public schools and some other activities in Oak Ridge are operated on an integrated basis, we still have a considerable number of problems to solve with respect to restaurants, theaters, laundromats, and other commercial establishments.

During the past two years we have presented a number of programs to the public, among other activities. While many of these programs have been effective, we feel that we have for the moment exhausted our resources in this direction.

We will be very appreciative of any help that you can give us in securing the services of one or more effective speakers, and we will also be appreciative of any other comments that you may care to make.

Very truly yours,

Eleanore Boudreau

Eleanore Boudreau
(Mrs.William F. Boudreau)

Chairman, Program Committee

copy to: Mr. Leslie Dunbar, Executive Director

Memphis
October 3, 1961

Dear Paul Rilling:-

I, Louise Young, am apparently unwilling or unable to keep out of troubled waters! I am going to Richmond next week, at the request of the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions, to spend ten days or more in Virginia trying to help Methodist women establish friendly and constructive communication in the Prince Edward County situation. My first consultation will be with Bishop Garber whom I have asked for an office appointment on October 11 or 12. Then I shall want to see the director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations and leaders of such other groups as the white and Negro teachers' associations, United Church Women, Virginia Council of Churches, the two PTA groups, the AAUW, League of Women Voters, etc, as well as various Methodist

leaders - I shall use my old Hampton contacts of course, - I was dean of women there many years ago and had an interesting visit at the Institute in May 1960 - When I go to Prince Edward I hope to have one or more Virginia women with me - Will Campbell has been my guide, philosopher and friend in making these preliminary plans -

Recent issues of Southern School News give me adequate factual data on the school situation in Prince Edward, I presume - In addition I would like whatever further information you can give me, along with your own insights and suggestions for my procedure - I remember your service as director of the Virginia Council before you became director of field services for us all -

I am spending a few days here with my sister but will return to my home in Nashville on Saturday - I will appreciate your sending me there

any materials and advice which you think might be of service. I plan to leave Nashville for Richmond on Tuesday October 10, or it might be later, since I do not know when I can see Methodist Bishop Garber.

I recall that the state college at Farmville (Longwood, isn't it?) has spoken out for the operation of public schools in accordance with federal law through its dean, an Episcopal layman. Probably he spoke as an individual, rather than as college dean. I am hoping for help from Episcopal laymen, men and women.

My sister attended the recent meeting at the Memphis YWCA at which you were a leader and was grateful for this contribution to preparing Memphis for school desegregation. The morning papers announce the admission of 13 Negro children to formerly all-white schools, and we are greatly interested in what the response will be on the part of both whites and Negroes. I am glad to be having lunch tomorrow at Bethlehem Center with my former students on the staff there.

Forgive this long hand written letter

which I know is not too easy to read.

And many thanks for helping me to be as useful as possible with the Virginia women -

Sincerely
Louise Young

Please address me at

115 Mockingbird Road
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Cy 7-4328

October 3, 1961

Mrs. J. A. Osoinach
1822 So. Parkway, E.
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Osoinach:

I very much enjoyed being with the Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Council last week and I particularly appreciate the kindness of your extending the hospitality of your home.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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Miss Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 201, 5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Manderson:

If there are other state Councils that might agree to mail sample copies of Southern School News, we should like to cover one or two more states with our October issue.

We need to know by the end of this week--Friday, Oct. 6--what we are going to do. I'd appreciate your calling me collect at CYpress 1-1262.

Previous mailings have met our expectations in stimulating new subscriptions. We'd like to continue them until we have exhausted the list of your affiliate Councils willing to co-operate.

While I am writing, may I take advantage of this opportunity to invite you to meet our staff and correspondents. We will hold our annual seminar at the Atlanta Biltmore on Friday and Saturday, October 27-28. We would be delighted to have you join us for cocktails and dinner on either Friday night or Saturday night. Please let me know whether you can be with us so that I can complete the necessary arrangements with the hotel. Of course, you are welcome to attend our business sessions, too, if you are interested.

Sincerely yours,

Reed Sarratt
Executive Director

October 10, 1961

Miss Louise Young
The King Carter Hotel
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Louise:

I believe that I have little or nothing to tell you that you do not already know or that you will not learn from the Virginia Council concerning the situation in Prince Edward County. I write primarily to express support and pleasure concerning your plans to work in Prince Edward County and to show that I mean well.

(1) As you know, this is the third year that Prince Edward County schools have been closed. The federal court recently ruled that tuition grants could not be paid to the white children who attend private school while the public schools are closed, so this year as during the first year tuition must be paid by the students or out of contributions solicited from across the South. The present situation is currently under legal attack in the State Supreme Court. For some reason there has been no appeal of the case from the Federal District Court.

(2) There seems to be little doubt that white public opinion has been rather strongly behind the officials who have been carrying out this massive resistance effort. There has been very little expression of a contrary concern within the white community. A small group of white persons have made what contributions they can. Chief among these is Dean Moss of one of the local colleges. Mr. Lee will have other names for you. I understand that an interracial group is meeting on a regular basis, very quietly at the present time. There have been some reports recently that public opinion is thawing a little and that there is growing sentiment for some change of the rigid posture of the county. I understand that there will be a public referendum on the issue sometime in the near future.

(3) The bulk of the Negro children are apparently receiving no formal education whatsoever, although a number

of the high school children have been sent away to school. There are few trained Negro professionals or educated Negro leaders in the County. The Negro community apparently has stood firmly behind the Prince Edward County Christian Association, headed by the Rev. Lester Griffin. Griffin is currently on the payroll, I believe, of the state NAACP. PECCA has maintained recreational centers for the children during the last two years. Jean Fairfax recently reported that Negro opinion in the County is increasingly bitter and aggressive, but that there is little sentiment for repeating the Center pattern during the current year. Griffin is a man who has been able to dramatize the predicament and maintain reasonably high morale within the Negro community. He is somewhat emotional and erratic, and is very weak with the techniques of basic organization, record keeping, etc.. It has been almost impossible to get specific information on how much money has been contributed to PECCA, where it has gone, etc.. It is known that the NAACP has made substantial contributions to PECCA.

(4) The American Friends Service Committee has been the agency with most consistent programming in this situation. During most of last year, Miss Helen Baker, a Negro professional, was resident in the County to represent the interests of AFSC. Through the Committee a number of Negro students last year and again this year were given an opportunity to attend school in desegregated situations in other parts of the country. AFSC also arranged some trips to Washington for the Negro students, and has sponsored some experimentation with teaching machines and other new techniques in the County. There has been some tension between Griffin on the one hand and Miss Baker and Miss Fairfax of the AFSC on the other, with Griffin feeling that outside groups are trying to "take over" and win much of the credit for whatever might be done. The Virginia Teachers' Association has played a major role in Prince Edward County through the sponsorship of a special short educational program last summer, involving highly qualified teachers in a real educational effort. You probably should see both Mr. Rupert Picott, Director of the Virginia Teachers' Association, and Mr. Lester Banks, the able state secretary of the Virginia Conference of branches of the NAACP.

I hope that you will keep in touch with me and let me know how things look to you and report any way in which we can be helpful.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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October 6, 1961

Miss Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Manderson:

Thanks again for your help in spreading the word about Southern School News. We will send 2,000 copies of the October issue to Heslip Lee and 500 to Norman Jimerson.

All of us are looking forward to seeing you when the Southern School News correspondents congregate in Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

Reed Sarratt
Executive Director

October 10, 1961

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Executive Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Reed:

Thank you for your invitation to attend some of the events of your annual seminar this year. I would welcome the opportunity to meet some of your board. Unfortunately, I have a commitment in Kentucky on the 27th. If it would be convenient I would like to come to the cocktail hour and dinner on Saturday, the 28th. I have not completed my transportation plans to and from Kentucky, but am reasonably sure that I can be back and in attendance by that time. When does the cocktail hour start? It will be good to see you again.

Although I will not be in the office Friday, we are hoping here that you and the members of your staff will find time to visit our offices and to meet some of our newer staff members.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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October 4, 1961

Dear Paul:

The correspondents for Southern School News will hold their annual seminar this year at the Atlanta Biltmore October 27-28. We would be delighted to have you join us for any or all of our meetings.

We plan to get underway at 3 p.m. on Friday, October 27, with a discussion of the work of the Southern Regional Education Board. A cocktail party and dinner will follow.

On Saturday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock, we will discuss the desegregation of Atlanta schools, and then we'll have lunch together. We have set aside Saturday afternoon for shop talk. Cocktails and dinner on Saturday will wind up the session.

While you would be welcome at any part of the seminar, we most especially would like to have you join us for cocktails and dinner on Friday or Saturday nights, or both. I'd appreciate your letting me know when you can be with us in order that I may make the proper arrangements with the hotel.

Sincerely yours,

Reed Sarratt
Executive Director

Mr. Paul Rilling
Director of Field Services
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, NW
Atlanta 3, Georgia

October 13, 1961

The Rev. Joseph Lowery
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Joe:

It was good to see you recently at the Nashville meeting. Could you let me know what person or persons is or are trying to fill your vacated shoes in Mobile? Who has emerged as the most useful contact among the white ministers now that Gene Peacock has gone?

May Jones tells me that you have not yet joined the Tennessee Council. I trust that this is simply an oversight which has been rectified by now. Otherwise I may begin to suspect that with your new status and affluence you are weakening in your zeal for the cause.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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PS: Slant this letter in the shuffle on your return lets discuss as soon as possible.

104 W. Damascus Road,
Oak Ridge, Tennessee,
October 31 ,1961.

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Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Anthony:

Thank you for your very kind letter of September 29, and please accept our apelogies for the delay in answering it, which was caused by some uncertainties in our program scheduling.

We would most certainly welcome the opportunity to have a member of your staff speak at a public meeting in Oak Ridge, and we thank you for your offer of defraying the expenses of the trip.

We feel that it would be advantageous to invite your speaker to visit Oak Ridge at the earliest time which could be arranged, to permit us to help establish a vigorous tone for our programs for the balance of the season. From our point of view, either the last week in November or the first week in December would be ideal, and a meeting could be arranged on any weekday except Friday (since it is difficult to obtain good attendance on Fridays).

If neither of these weeks is convenient for one of the members of your staff, we would like to suggest that the talk be delayed until February, 1962, since it would again be difficult to be sure of obtaining the largest possible audience during the holiday season.

We need at least two, and preferably three, weeks notice in order to obtain adequate publicity for a meeting.

At the present time our budget is somewhat hard pressed, but we would like to discuss the possibility of obtaining other speakers with the member of your staff who visits Oak Ridge.

Thank you very much for your interest.

Very truly yours,

Eleanore Boudreau

Eleanore Boudreau (Mrs. William F.)
Chairman, Program Committee,
Oak Ridge Federation for Equal
Public Services

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November 3, 1961

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Executive Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
1109 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Reed:

I am extremely sorry to have missed the Saturday social event with your board and staff. It simply added insult to injury when Les Dunbar brought me his glowing report of the food, refreshments, and fellowship Friday night. I came back from Kentucky Saturday noon and went immediately to bed where I remained until Monday morning. I will try to time my illnesses better on future occasions.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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Dear Paul:

We'll look forward to having you with us on Saturday night, October 28. Our reception is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. in room 1012 at the Biltmore. Dinner will follow, probably around 7, in room 1015.

I wish that it were possible to visit your offices while in Atlanta for our seminar. I suspect we'll have to take a rain check on it this time, because all of us are going to be pretty busy with our own meeting while we're there.

Sincerely yours,

Reed Sarratt
Executive Director

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November 7, 1961

Dear Paul:

We missed you at our Atlanta meeting. Marge Manderson told us that you were under the weather and would be unable to come.

During most of the weekend I was wishing I could follow your example by remaining in bed to nurse a cold that most inconsiderately attacked me a few days before our meeting.

While writing, let me tell you again how much we appreciate the co-operation of the Council in promoting Southern School News. The returns continue to be good.

Sincerely yours,

Reed Sarratt
Executive Director

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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November 27, 1961

Mr. Russell B. Sugarmon
588 Vance Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sugarmon:

It was good to see you recently during my visit to Memphis. We will be in touch with you from time to time concerning the possibilities we discussed.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of the 1961 Commission on Civil Rights Report on voting which contains, on pp. 284-288, voter registration figures for some Tennessee counties. Our 1957 and 1959 voter registration reports do not include county by county data on Tennessee. In fact, Tennessee and Mississippi were the only states on which we could not secure such data for the earlier report. I am also forwarding you copies of our two reports for your general interest.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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November 30, 1961

MEMORANDUM

TO: Will Campbell
Gene Cox

FROM: Paul Rilling

I'm particularly anxious to keep you informed about recent organizational activity in Mississippi. As you probably know, John Youngblut and I were present at a conference at Waveland October 20 and 21. This was an unusually good meeting, with the group showing less hopelessness and frustration and more guarded optimism than I have noted in past meetings in Mississippi. Most of the obvious people were there, including Bishop Brunini, Rabbi Mantiband, Murray Cox, Dan Beittel and Ernst Borinski from Tougaloo, and Aaron Henry, etc.. The group made a commitment in principal to create some sort of machinery for continuing contact and consultation on a state-wide basis. A small steering committee was selected. This group met in Jackson November 20, selected temporary officers, and agreed to move toward the encouragement of quiet meetings in several districts of the state. Chairman of the group is Power Hearn, white Jackson businessman. Vice-chairmen are Rabbi Mantiband and Mrs. Johnson -- Emily Johnson, I believe, a Negro clubwoman-civic leader type from North Mississippi -- and Beittel, Tougaloo president, is secretary. The plan is to move quite informally and quietly and hopefully without public notice for the time being. The steering committee will be coming together again within a few weeks.

cc: John Youngblut
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December 13, 1961

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Executive Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
1109 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sarratt:

I've only found time during the last few busy months to approach one of the remaining Councils on Human Relations with the idea of cooperating with you in promoting Southern School News to their membership -- the Houston Council. HCHR Executive Secretary Mrs. Ethel Dumbauld's reply is enclosed (and I'm very ashamed of having been so slow in sending it on to you). Perhaps you'll want to write her directly your reaction to the possibility of a direct mailing from your office to Houston Council membership.

The Arkansas Council on Human Relations is the only remaining state Council with professional staff, and yesterday I wrote Nat Griswold, ACHR's Executive Director, in regard to mailing SSN. We should hear from him shortly.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

Enclosures

cc; Mrs. Ethel Dumbauld

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Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Manderson:

You need offer no apologies for your tardiness in forwarding Mrs. Dumbauld's letter about a sample mailing of Southern School News to members of the Houston Council on Human Relations. We are delighted to have the list and probably will use it, although we made no provision for promotion copies in our December press run.

The results to date of previous mailings you have arranged for us have been good. We want to continue them until we have exhausted the possibilities, and so I look forward to hearing the result of your letter to Mr. Griswold of the Arkansas Council.

Season's greetings to you and all the others at SRC.

Sincerely yours,

Reed Sarratt
Executive Director

Dr. H. J. Morgan: The Whole Man

A MEDICAL giant, a man among men has been lost not only to Nashville but to the nation with the passing, on Christmas Eve, of Dr. Hugh Jackson Morgan.

He was a brilliant physician, a scholar, an inspiring teacher, an able administrator, and a great humanitarian.

Doctor Morgan was respected and admired by all who knew him, virtually revered by those whom he had tutored in the skills and in the highest traditions of a profession he loved.

Scores of professional honors and offices were heaped upon Doctor Morgan in recognition of his talents as a surgeon, as a builder of character among aspiring young doctors, and as a leading figure in constructing one of the finest medical colleges in America at Vanderbilt University.

Other honors came his way for his incisive research into the mysteries of the physical heart of man.

But his was not alone the cold, analytical probing of the scientist: he was a warm human being, deep in his understanding of the human heart in its metaphysical sense. He loved and understood his fellow man.

This was the side of Doctor Morgan best known to his close associates, but nonetheless sensed by thousands who did not know him on sight, but knew of his reputation. It was a reputation of honor and of integrity and of courageous willingness to stand against his medical colleagues, if need be, in the interest of society's well being.

Nor was this a passive thing with Doctor Morgan. He was an activist, an individualist who threw his entire being behind the convictions of his conscience, driving to attain with the same zest which, as a young man, earned him distinction on the gridiron.

He was, in sum, a whole man, not narrowly wedded to some specialization of medicine, nor even to medicine alone. For he recognized that life is cast in a broader mold, and until his death he was constantly reaching out to grasp more of its meaning and to deepen those aspects which were already a part of him.

Lives such as Doctor Morgan's are never lost; men of his breadth are never gone. They leave too much too deeply imbedded in the body of mankind's knowledge.

Such men, however, leave mammoth yaws in the societies they served, upon passing. The feeling of loss with Doctor Morgan's death, therefore, is singularly acute, though the permanence of his rich contribution is established.

Dr. Morgan Dies At Vanderbilt

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12-25-61

Dr. Hugh J. Morgan, professor of medicine emeritus at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and one of the nation's leading physicians and medical administrators, died yesterday at Vanderbilt Hospital.

Dr. Morgan, 68, of 15 White Bridge Road, had been ill for several years. He became critically ill Saturday.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Vanderbilt University Chapel with Dr. John Ruskin of Kingsport officiating, assisted by Dr. E. P. Anderson. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

THE BODY is at Martin's, 209 Louise Ave.

Dr. Richard O. Cannon, director of Vanderbilt Hospital, said:

"It was an unique privilege to have had Dr. Morgan as an undergraduate professor and also as an associate in the administration of the Vanderbilt Medical Center. He represented the finest combination of excellence in medical practice and administration."

A former president and a master

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Nashville Tennessean

Dr. Morgan Dies

(Continued From Page One)

of the American College of Physicians, Dr. Morgan received his M.D. degree from Johns Hopkins and taught there before coming to Vanderbilt in 1924.

He was head of the department of medicine at Vanderbilt 23 years and became professor emeritus in 1958.

DR. MORGAN, a retired brigadier general of the Army, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in 1945 for his work as chief of the Medical Consultants Division, Office of the Surgeon General.

Before he joined the surgeon general's staff during World War II, he organized the Vanderbilt

Dr. Hugh J. Morgan
Services Wednesday

Army Hospital Unit which received a special commendation in the campaign in Italy.

During his career, he served as president of the American Board of Internal Medicine, the Association of American Physicians, Johns Hopkins Medical and Surgical Association and the American Clinical and Climatological Association.

He had been honored with degrees from some of the leading medical schools of the country.

DR. MORGAN received his bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt in 1914 and served more than 25 years on the board of trust of the university. He was also a member of the scientific advisory board of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute of Miami, Fla., a research program established by Hughes.

A native of Nashville, he was married to the former Miss Robert Ray Porter. She survives.

Other survivors are two daughters Mrs. Saxon Graham of Hamburg, N.Y., and Mrs. J. A. Cortner of Bronxville, N.Y.; two sons, Hugh J. Morgan Jr. of Birmingham and Robert P. Morgan of Munich, Germany; a sister, Miss Effie Morgan of Nashville; and eight grandchildren.

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December 29, 1961

Mrs. Suzanne M. Pogell
Corresponding Secretary
Nashville Community Relations Council
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Pogell:

Please let us have two hundred copies of the reprints of "The Effects of Segregation on Nursing Students." We'll send you a check immediately upon receiving your bill.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

Nashville Community Relations Council
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

December 13, 1961

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council Office
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta-3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

We are pleased that we now have the reprints of Dr. Laurie Gunter's article The Effects of Segregation on Nursing Students. We will be happy to get them off to you as soon as we ascertain just how many you want. Was it two or three hundred copies? We can let you have up to three hundred, which at a cost of 20¢ each would come to $50.00 (fifty dollars) for three hundred. As soon as we hear from you we will mail the articles to you.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne M. Pogell

(Mrs.) Suzanne M. Pogell,
Corresponding Secretary

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PROJECTED PREPARATION PLAN - CHATTANOOGA SCHOOL SYSTEM
Dr. Bennie Carmichael and Dr. Noylan Estes, Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Instruction, 821-2513

I January 3, 1962

Principals meeting - to outline the program of preparation for principals and teachers.

II January 9, 1962 - Principals Training Session

To outline with the teachers responsibility of the principal and teacher. Discuss the kinds of violence.

Rumor Clinic.

III January 18, 1962 - Teacher Preparation - All day session for Chattanooga teachers.

Program: 9:00 a.m. TV program with Mayor and city leadership to discuss school responsibilities.

10:00 a.m. Dr. Bennie Carmichael, Superintendent of Schools, 30 minute talk.

10:30 a.m. 3 simultaneous 1½ hour clinics. Each teacher is to attend all 3 clinics.

Clinic Subjects:

1. Rumor Clinic.

2. Classroom practices - acceptance and implementation of Negro students into class. (possible resource person - Lewis Jones, Fisk University).

3. Mechanical procedures and arrangements of school desegregation (no outside staff required).

Staff: As projected, a resource person necessary for January 9th training session. Program Rumor Clinic. Discussion - kinds of violence and hostility to be anticipated. For each of clinics, one and two three resource persons will be required.

Request also for materials, pamphlets, literature, films for use with faculty as well as students.

Query: A request was made by Carmichael for copies of hate literature to be shown to students prior to any distribution in order to prepare them for this contingency.

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January 12,1962
VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Henry Forgy
Box 792
Jackson, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Forgy:

Kay Jones has asked us to forward you the national address of Woolworth's and the name of appropriate persons for organizations to write to urge desegregation of the Jackson Woolworth's eating facilities. The regional office of the chain, based here in Atlanta, tells us that the national president's name is Mr. R. C. Kirkwood; his address is 24th Floor, Woolworth Building, New York City. Tennessee is included in the region with an Atlanta office; manager of this region is Mr. C. M. Purdy, 1740 Peachtree, N.W., Atlanta. Mr. Purdy was active in negotiations here in Atlanta; he has been characterized to us as "frightened, but with a conscience in the right place." He's a member of an Atlanta church having a very liberal minister. I would think letters should by all means be directed to Mr. Purdy as well as Mr. Kirkwood.

If time is available to write New York, the national CORE office might have knowledge of other appropriate persons in the national Woolworth organization. Write Mr. Gordon Carey, CORE, 38 Park Row, New York 38.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

cc: Kay Jones

Active negotiations here in connection

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

January 5, 1962

Mr. R. C. Kirkwood
President,
24th Floor Woolworth

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Mr. Henry Forgy, president of the Jackson Community Relations Council, telephoned today asking for the national address and the name of appropriate persons of Woolworth's. On January 20 there is to be a hearing before the city commissioners regarding desegregation. If voluntary desegregation is approved, he thinks that Woolworth's will open. If a court case is needed, Woolworth's will remain closed. In the latter event, a number of organizations wish to write to the Woolworth's management. He named the NAACP, the Council, and the Chamber of Commerce.

If you have this Woolworth information, will you send it directly to Mr. Forgy (Box 792, Jackson, Tennessee) or to me? Following your suggestions of last November, we proposed this to Mr. Forgy.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones

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Moody's Index

Mr. C. M Purdy

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CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
1161 West Fortieth Street
Box 2013
Chattanooga 9, Tennessee

January 12, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

Mr. Richard Shapiro, Associate Director, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, has confirmed your availability to serve as a resource consultant in the small group discussion within the basic concepts in the Human Relations Clinic to be conducted in Chattanooga on January 18 and 19. Your willingness to serve as a consultant is greatly appreciated.

Enclosed is a copy of the program for January 18 and 19. You will be informed your specific group assignment on Thursday morning.

We are requesting you to join teacher discussion leaders, community consultants and principals at a breakfast meeting at 7:30 a.m., in the Chattanooga High School cafeteria, on Thursday and Friday mornings. The purpose of this meeting is to review the schedule and responsibilities of teacher leaders and consultants. For this reason, we trust that it will be possible for you to be present on both mornings.

A tax exemption certificate is enclosed in the event you will be traveling by public conveyance. If you will complete the enclosed travel expense voucher, in duplicate, and return it to me prior to leaving Chattanooga on Friday, it will expedite reimbursement for expenses. We will be happy to make hotel reservations for you if you desire. Your expected time of arrival and departure would be useful to us in planning for these sessions.

We are looking forward to meeting you. If we can be of further assistance to you as you make your plans to join us for this session, please do not hesitate to offer us the opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Nolan Estes

Nolan Estes
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

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Nolan Foster
(Signature)

Assistant Supt. for Instruction
(Title)

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SECONDARY SCHOOL PERSONNEL
IN-SERVICE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 18, 1962
Chattanooga High School

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Special Breakfast for Discussion Leaders, Principals, and Community Consultants, Chattanooga High Cafeteria
9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Telecast on Desegregation, Channel 12, WDEF-TV
Large Group A (Surnames of A through Leea) - (Old Gymnasium)
Large Group B (Surnames of Leeb through Z) - Study Hall

9:45 - 10:15 a.m. Orientation - Dr. Bennie Carmichael
Both Groups - Auditorium

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 - 12:30 p.m. Clinics

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1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Clinics

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2:30 - 3:30	Small Group Discussion (Assigned Rooms--see attached list)	Small Group Discussion (Assigned Rooms--see attached list)

3:45 - 4:15 p.m. Summary - J. J.Brewbaker, Morton Sobel, Bennie Carmichael
All Groups - Auditorium

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PERSONNEL
IN-SERVICE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Friday, January 19, 1962
Chattanooga High School

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Special Breakfast for Discussion Leaders, Principals, and Community Consultants, Chattanooga High Cafeteria
9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Telecast on Desegregation, Channel 3, WRGP-TV
Large Group A (Surnames of A through Lau) - Old Gymnasium
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CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Travel Expense Voucher

Note Instructions on back before preparing voucher.

Date	Itemized Explanation of Expenditures	Unit Cost	Total Cost

I hereby certify that the above bill is correct for $_____ and that no part of the amount has been reimbursed. Itemized expenses were incurred on an approved trip to _____ _____ for the purpose of _____.

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Payee

Date _____ 19____

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Department Head

Date _____ 19 ____

APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

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Business Manager

Date _____ 19 ____

Form B T-1 (1958-59)

Instructions for Preparation of Travel Expense Voucher

In order to meet audit requirements, it is necessary that the following instructions be observed:

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2. Attach hotel bills, travel receipts and other available evidences of payment.

3. Travel expenses are not to exceed actual cash outlays for official purposes.

   (a) Railroad, bus and airline fares at prevailing rates.* In the event that accommodations on common carriers are not available, or are inconvenient, an allowance of 7¢ per mile for use of a private automobile will be made. If an automobile is driven for personal convenience, reimbursement may be claimed at the rate of tax exempt first class airline fare. In such cases, meals and overnight accommodations while en route are not reimbursable.

   (b) Hotel room and meals at actual cost. Tips may be included in meal charge or itemized separately if for other services.

   (c) Car, bus and taxi cab fares allowed as necessary, subject to explanation if beyond usual amount.

   (d) Expenditures for valet, laundry or other personal services are not reimbursable.

4. Fill in amount and date and sign in lower left corner.

5. Submit voucher (in duplicate) to department head for approval.

6. Submit voucher (in duplicate) to Business Office for payment.

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February 5, 1962

The Rev. Will D. Campbell
Associate Executive Director
National Council of Churches of
Christ in the U.S.A.
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Please let me know soon the outlook for any action concerning the publication of the missionary statements that I sent you, under the auspices of the Baptist Convention or something. We need to know whether to consider other possible uses of the material.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee
February 21, 1962

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I have talked on two occasions with Foy Valentine of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention regarding their publication of the missionary statements. He tells me that they have in the works a similar idea, and does not see any possibility of their making use of this at the present time.

I would say that the Southern Regional Council should feel free to make whatever use of it it wishes.

Cordially yours,

Will

Will D. Campbell
Associate Executive Director

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a unit of the division of christian life and work

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March 6, 1962

Mr. Virgil Hodges
10 Saint Charles Place
Brooklyn 16, New York

Dear Mr. Hodges:

Following your letter, we reviewed our financial situation and commitments. We have come to the conclusion, reluctantly, that we cannot employ another full time professional worker. We recognize the value of an additional full time staff member, but this does not seem possible with our current finances.

Dr. Vivian Henderson, Fisk University economist, has agreed to do some employment studies and workshops on employment opportunities for the Council. We hope to increase our membership this year, and have a wider base for support and operation in 1963.

We appreciate your interest in the Tennessee Council on Human Relations.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Barrett
President

GEB:jms
Blind cc: Paul Rilling

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3/7/62

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Bill for reprints

The attached letter is, apparently, the bill for 200 copies of a reprint ("The Effects of Segregation on Nursing Students" - Gunter) which we ordered from the Nashville Community Relations Council. Please issue a check in the amount of $50.00 to that organization, for 200 copies at .25¢ per copy.

Thanks.

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March 16, 1962

The Rev. Will D. Campbell
Associate Executive Director
National Council of Churches
P.O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Will,

The Florida Council on Human Relations will be looking for a new director some 6 to 9 months from now. Do you have any suggestions?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Billing
Director of
Field Activities

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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

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DESIRE SRC REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK ON HUMAN RELATIONS PANEL APRIL 13, 830 TO 1030 AM, FOR TENNESSEE EDUCATION CONGRESS CONVENTION AT TENNESSEE A&I STATE UNIVERSITY. PUBLIC SCHOOL AND COLLEGE TEACHERS WILL ATTEND THIS INTEREST GROUP SESSION. PLEASE WIRE COLLECT IMMEDIATELY NAME AND TITLE OF REPRESENTATIVE. THANKS

MABEL BELL CROOKS TEC ASSISTANT EXEC SECTY TENN A AND I STATE UNIVERSITY.

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April 23, 1962

The Rev. Mr. Will D. Campbell
P.O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

The officers of the Atlanta Council and I very much appreciate the fine job you did in speaking to the dinner meeting of the group April 15. I thought the content and approach was fresh and stimulating.

The Baptist layman here who has been pressing for a reprint of the Oak Ridge church bulletin on testimony by missionaries is now going around getting up money. We'll probably throw a small amount into the pot. Could your budget stand a small donation? Like maybe $50.00 to $100.00?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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409 W. Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tenn.
May 6, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

I would appreciate your suggesting two or three individuals now working for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (in Atlanta or elsewhere) whom we could invite to Oak Ridge to speak about their experiences, goals, and work. The Oak Ridge Unitarian Church is sponsoring this program and wishes to have competent and interesting persons (preferably students themselves, but not necessarily) of course.

Evidently several of the persons I once knew in SNCC are no longer working for the organization, so I am appealing to you in hopes your information and contacts are more current.

We hope to get this organized before the school year is out or just at its conclusion when traveling may be easier to arrange, and would appreciate hearing your comments as soon as you have time to answer.

Thanks.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Peelle

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Peelle

May 9, 1962

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Poelle
409 W. Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Poelle:

I would suggest either Charles McDew, who is currently chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, or James Foreman, who is serving as Executive Secretary. McDew has recently been quite active in the Baton Rouge crisis situation and comes from South Carolina. Another possibility would be Robert Zellner, who has been active in Mississippi and recently in the Talladega demonstrations. Zellner is white; McDew and Foreman are Negro. I would write to any of these at the SNCC office, 197½ Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta.

Let me know if we can help to facilitate arrangements.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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MEMORANDUM

To: Program Committee and Planning Committee for Southwide Conference of Religious and Community Leaders

From: Herman H. Long

July 23, 1962

For the small planning group session which is scheduled for July 25 in Atlanta, and as a first step in the development of program for the Conference, this exploratory memo is prepared.

Rationale

It is difficult to structure program in the absence of a theme. But purely as a point of departure, let me suggest something in the order of "The South: Ethical Demands of Integration." This catches in part one of the points of major consensus which grew out of our original Atlanta discussions, namely that we should focus upon the deeper processes and issues which have emerged out of the desegregating experience now ensuing in southern communities.

I think we agreed also that we did not want to begin the conference with the assumption that we knew what these deeper issues were and thus build program upon truth and insight already discovered. On the contrary, we felt that we should try to make the conference a vehicle for discovering and identifying the demands we now feel in some vague way. We would proceed, in other words, inductively, using the important experience we are now having as the source of the insights and goals the conference would intend to discover. Hence we base the conference upon the significant case experiences of certain key communities.

The case experiences become not only the content of the conference but also provide the central means of leadership involvement in the conference itself, inasmuch as we intend to organize reporting "teams" from selected communities.

Dates

We talked initially about the week-end of December 28, but as our discussion has proceeded, I believe our understanding is that the conference would begin on the evening of December 27 and close around noon on the 29th. This would permit a schedule running from Thursday night, through all of Friday and half of Saturday.

Case Experiences

The following are tentatively suggested:

Employment: Greensboro group -- The AFSC effort, plus the additional action involved in the community with department store clerks and government contract firms.

(Possible alternate -- Nashville -- The Nashville Community Conference on Employment Opportunity)

Public Accommodations: Houston, Texas may be our best bet, inasmuch as Jean Fairfax has volunteered to take initiative in using her organizational base there, in preparing the report, perhaps also with the addition of leadership from the Houston Human Relations Committee.

(Alternates: Dallas, Atlanta)

School Desegregation: Nashville may be our best bet, although I do not consider it a good case -- about 300 Negro children in integrated schools. We may have to go to Louisville for a real good story, for in this instance teacher integration is also involved -- also interscholastic sports.

The Atlanta, Little Rock and Norfolk holding-action programs, aimed toward preventing school closing, are good cases of community leadership; but they have little to show in positive and substantial movement toward integration.

Parochial Schools: New Orleans has a valuable experience to share, especially that which came from efforts of liberal leadership of the church, through the Catholic Interracial Council, to get the basic policy decision made and supported.

Recreation: Oak Ridge has had a modest but important experience in an effort made to use one of the nearby state parks on an integrated basis. Though limited, it is a good example in this area of concern, especially insofar as community effort is involved.

Format

All sessions would be general sessions -- no workshop or discussion small group sessions. Each session might consist of (a) the presentation of the case experience by a community team: (b) a period of inquiry led by an inquiring panelist from outside that community seeking to get additional facts, methods, approaches and information as to points of weakness and failure in community leadership support; (c) a period of similar discussion from the audience; and (d) finally, using a special panelist, a brief analysis of the

ethical considerations and issues which emerge from this case experience. It would be important to have the roles discharged by (b) through the inquiring panelist and (d) the analyst closely related and clearly understood, inasmuch as this final step would depend heavily upon what comes out of the period of inquiry that points up the deeper ethical challenge to leadership.

Suggested Schedule

Thursday December 27:

Registration	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Evening Session	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Statement of the Purpose of the Conference

Keynote: The Challenge Before Us

Friday, December 28:

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Employment -- The Greensboro Experience (1 hour of presentation; 20 minutes of inquiry; 30 minutes of general discussion; 10 minutes of analysis of ethical implications
10:45 - 12:45	Public Accommodations
12:45 - 2:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 - 4:30	Public School Desegregation
7:30 - 9:30	Parochial School Desegregation

Saturday, December 29:

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Recreation -- The Oak Ridge Experience
10:30 - 12:00	Summary -- The Task Ahead

Here it is suggested that the findings of each of the sessions would be lifted out -- especially the 10 minute analyses of ethical implications, but not exclusing the positive and practical lessons of action successes and failures -- and projected as the challenge and task before us in the southern community. There are several among our planning committee who could make this an exciting session -- Dabbs, Ashby, Herrin, Dunbar, to mention only a few.

Audience comment, observation and further suggestion as to the nature of our task might follow.

Question: Should we aim toward a resolution of "public message" in expressing the central conviction and consensus of the conference?

Chattanooga, Tennessee
July 24, 1962

To Community Relations membership:

Last week I met with the advisory committee supporting Mrs. Callier for the State Legislature.

According to best estimates, Mrs. Callier must have substantial support from the white community or she will be unsuccessful in her election bid.

I am taking the liberty of mailing this letter to the CRC membership because Mrs. Callier believes that many of you will want to mention her candidacy to your friends. Let me remind you that if you are particularly interested in promoting her candidacy, "single shoting" is a very effective method at the polls.

If you would like to see a fine Negro woman in the Tennessee Legislature, your opportunity will come on Election Day.

Sincerely,

Neil McDade

Neil McDade

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August 17, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

I am preparing to teach a Television course in Social Studies on the fourth grade level this fall. This will be televised over a local channel to ten school systems in the East Tennessee area.

I would like to include material on the concept of race as an anthropologist would define it. I wish also to discuss the sociological and psychological dynamics of prejudice.

Could you please send me a list of suitable materials that I could adapt for this grade level. I would also appreciate a list of films that might be of value.

I will be grateful for anything you can do to help me in this connection.

Yours very truly,

Mae G. Banner

Mae G. Banner

MGB/ik

August 22, 1962

The Rev. Will D. Campbell
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

This is the inevitable suggestion. Have you been to Albany? Frances Pauley, who has done a great deal of work there, believes that this is the time to encourage ministers in any way possible. Some of the Negro ministers are now taking the initiative to approach their white colleggues for discussion. Anything you could do by way of telephoning contacts or making a personal trip might strike a good blow for the cause.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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August 24, 1962

Miss Mae G. Banner
Department of Broadcasting Services
The University of Tennessee
Division of University Extension
14 Ayres Hall
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Banner:

Paul Rilling has asked me to forward you a list of suitable materials and films for use in connection with your forthcoming Television Course in Social Studies.

As a source of material on the concept of race, you may find the enclosed SRC L Reports, "Race and Intelligence" and "Association Re-affirms its Position on Race," suitable for adaptation. Pamphlets from the UNESCO series on race would also be useful; they may be ordered from Columbia University Press, 2960 Broadway, New York, New York. "The Race Question in Modern Science" is the particular UNESCO series you would wish to order; it includes:

Race and Culture by Michel Leiris
Race and Biology by L. C. Dunn
Race and Psychology by Otto Klineberg
Racial Myths by Juan Comas
The Roots of Prejudice by Arnold M. Rose
Race and History by Claude Levi-Strauss
Race and Society by Kenneth L. Little
The Significance of Racial Differences by G. M. Morant
Race Mixture by Harry L. Shapiro
~~The~~ Race Concept - Results of an Inquiry.

"Sense and Nonsense About Race," by Ethel Alpenfels, a 46 page pamphlet published in 1946 by Friendship Press and available from the Anti-Defamation League (address enclosed) is another source which might be of help.

We are enclosing from our research files an extra copy of Ashley Montagu's "What We Know About 'Race'," which is more recent and perhaps more interestingly written than the Alpenfels pamphlet.

For adaptation into discussions of the sociological and psychological dynamics of prejudice, we would recommend that you consult any or all of the following:

1. "The ABC's of Scapegoating," by Gordon W. Allport, pamphlet, 56 pp., 1948. Available from the Anti-Defamation League.

2. "The Nature of Prejudice," by Gordon W. Allport, book, Cambridge: Addison-Wesley Press, 1954.

3. "The Authoritarian Personality," by T. W. Adorno and others, book, N.Y.: Harper.

4. "The Social Psychology of Prejudice," by Gerhart Saenger, book, N.Y.: Harper & Brothers, 1953.

A copy of an article by Marie Jahoda, "What is Prejudice," from our research files, is enclosed.

We are also sending you an annotated listing of films available from the Anti-Defamation League, along with an SRC film bibliography. I should think that the two films listed under "Race and Race Relations," page 2, would be the only two of our listings which might be suitable. Distributors addresses may be found on the final page. The ADL carries and is the actual distributor for a number of films which appear to me to be suitable for lower grade levels.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of the "Resource Handbook in Human Relations." The films, books, plays and poetry which are annotated therein are divided by grade level suitability.

Please let us know if we may be of further help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

October 9, 1962

Mr. George Barrett
Suite 927 Stahlman Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear George:

I am enclosing a reprint from the Citizens Council publication quoting a rave review of "Race and Reason" from the American Bar Association Journal. This review was also made the subject of a full page ad in the New York Times book review section plugging "Race and Reason."

We thought that you might be interested in generating some suitable response to the Bar Association Journal.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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October 12, 1962

Miss Mae G. Banner
Instructor
The University of Tennessee
Division of University Extension
Department of Broadcasting Services
14 Ayres Hall
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Banner:

I am sorry to be so long in replying to your letter of September 27. We do not have for distribution the type of materials you requested, since our emphasis is on race relations in the South. I am, however, enclosing a brochure and list of members of the United Nations (as of October 11), which one of our staff members had on hand. Other materials could be ordered from the U.S. Committee for the United Nations, 375 Park Avenue, New York 22, N.W.

Materials on the Peace Corps may be obtained from The Peace Corps, 806 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington 25, D.C.. Probably you already have addresses for both of these sources. The Anti-Defamation League, whose address was sent in our earlier letter, might possibly have materials dealing with citizenship in a democracy. I imagine you have already been in touch with your local League of Women Voters for such material. I'm afraid that without consulting a directory of organizations (which we do not have in our library) I have no further suggestions.

Sincerely,

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September 27, 1962

Miss Marge Manderson, Administrative Secretary
Field Services, Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Manderson:

Thank you for your help in sending me suggested materials for my television course in social studies. I am in the middle of a unit on "race" and have found many of the materials, especially Montagu and Alpenfels, very useful in clarifying my ideas and organizing my lectures.

We have discussed the concept of evolution to show how some biological traits have been adaptations to differing environments. We have discussed the meaning of "environment" and of "culture" and shown that these are not the same as "race" which is simply a biological designation.

Last week, we showed the cartoon "The Brotherhood of Man" which clearly illustrated many of the points I had been making. No negative reactions have come to me and much enthusiasm for the content is evident from classroom teachers.

In October, I will be talking about international co-operation, particularly in the UN and other programs, such as the Peace Corps. In November, I will deal with citizenship in a democracy. If you have anything you think may be helpful in interpreting these subjects to fourth graders, I would appreciate your suggestions.

Thanks again for your interest in this project.

Yours very truly,

Mae G. Banner

Mae G. Banner, instructor

Washington

The Pe Cy
806 Conect. Av NW
Wash 25

October 29, 1962

Mr. Washington Butler
108 Bennett Lane
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Washington:

At the request of the International City Managers' Association, the Southern Regional Council and the Potomac Institute in Washington are producing a report concerning the positive practices of city government in handling constructively "potentially explosive situations in the field of race relations." This report will be distributed as one of the twelve specail reports of the International City Managers' Association.

Mrs. Margaret Price of the Potomac Institute is putting the first draft of the report together with our help. I have suggested that she write to you for any experiences from the Oak Ridge situation. I realize that there is much that cannot be publicly cited that you have achieved. Mrs. Price is completely trustworthy and I hope you will pass on to hereyour own insights in this area and perhaps one or two examples of successful solution.

It was good to see you recently in Chattanooga. We wish you luck with your efforts to achieve a Mayor's Committee in Oak Ridge.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

December 14, 1962

The Rev. Will D. Campbell
Associate Executive Director
National Council of Churches of Christ
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

It has come to me indirectly that the National Student Christian Federation of the National Council of Churches will co-sponsor with the Southern Conference Education Fund and the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee the proposed Centennial Conference on Civil Liberties.

We decided some time ago not to serve as co-sponsor and I understand a number of other organizations did the same, including the NAACP, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Episcopal Society for Racial and Cultural Unity, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee, CORE, and others. Did we make a mistake?

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

December 14, 1962

The Rev. Will D. Campbell
National Council of Churches of Christ
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Enclosed is the discussed letter--as edited by Dunbar. Hope it will suffice; if not we'll try again.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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January 11, 1963

Mr. Ernest T. Dixon, Jr.
Department of General Church School Work
Board of Education
The Methodist Church
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Dixon:

We are pleased to accept your invitation to have a representative speak at the Seminar for District Superintendents of the Central Jurisdiction on February 27 in Atlanta. I think we shall probably send Mr. Paul Anthony our Director of Field Activities.

With best wishes for a successful meeting I am,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mmj

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LWD:

Think we must do it though I wish this was not limited to the Central Jurisdiction. Will go if you wish.

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January 9, 1963

Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Dunbar:

A Seminar for District Superintendents of the Central Jurisdiction, The Methodist Church, will be held on the Old Gammon Theological Seminar Campus, 9 McDonough Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, February 26 - March 2, 1963. The purpose of the seminar is to provide an opportunity for district superintendents to do some creative and original thinking regarding their work. Approximately, forty men from all sections of the nation will be in attendance.

On Wednesday evening, February 27, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., we would like very much to have a representative of the Southern Regional Council share with the men in attendance some information regarding the purpose and work of the Council. At your earliest convenience, please notify me whether or not you or someone from your staff might be available to render the above service.

Please accept my sincere gratitude for your cooperation and interest.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest T. Dixon Jr

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Signed in his absence

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January 24, 1963

Dear Paul:

We have a slight problem that affects our Xerox service to you.

The Washington Post on Sunday, January 13, carried two full pages (A18-19) on the situations in the District of Columbia senior high schools. One page was headed "D.C. Teachers Frank About Difficulties." The headline on the other page was "Dropouts are Called Major Problems."

Our problem is that the materials on these two pages are so arranged as to make them exceptionally difficult to reproduce without extensive mutilation. We can do it, of course, but we'd rather not.

It occurs to me that you may have these particular items already. In that case it should not be necessary for us to reproduce them for you. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, we won't.

Sincerely yours,

Reed Sarratt
Executive Director

Mr. Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

January 29, 1963

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Executive Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Reed:

No problem with the Washington Post article of January 13. We have it.

Incidentally, our new research director, Staige Blackford, has arrived since our initial arrangements were made. All matters pertaining to the clipping service should be directed to him. This doesn't apply to routine mailings since such materials will be handled automatically.

Hope the clipping business and all else is going well.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

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334 North Crest Road
Chatta., Tenn.

Feb. 2, 1963

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Gentlemen:

Our organization, the Community Relations Conference, is trying to attack the problem of desegregation by making a survey in our community through our established committees. We hope that by asking the right questions of the proper citizens or institutions, we will not only arm ourself with vital data but also start these people thinking about change. If our surveys prove successful, we will try to get newspaper coverage in order to share these statistics with the public.

Our immediate problem is "know how". Since your splendid reports indicate that you have the experience and knowledge, we are asking you for any and all suggestions on procedure.

Our committees are: 1. Church and Civic Groups; 2. Housing; 3. Mass Media; 4. Public Facilities; 5. Voting; and 6. Vocational Opportunities.

We will appreciate whatever help you can give us.

Sincerely,

S. Shavin

S. Shavin, Chairman
Community Relations Conference

February 27, 1962

Mr. S. Shavin
Chairman
Community Relations Conference
334 North Crest Road
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Shavin:

We are enclosing copies of two pamphlets from our files dealing specifically with techniques of community self survey: "Let's Look At Ourselves," and the introductory portion of an early SRC publication, "Your Community Looks At Itself: A Manual for the Home Town Self-Survey." The second part of the latter booklet is comprised of lengthy model questionnaires; they are out of date, however, and we do not think they would be greatly useful for your purposes (the booklet is out-of-print and copying it is very difficult). The enclosed "Greenville's Big Idea" is the published findings of a survey which was based on the Manual outline and questionnaires. Notice that it was published in 1950, in a Deep South community in which Separate-But-Equal was generally the only realistic goal.

Examples of more recent and less extensive self-surveys, concerned solely with racial discrimination, are also enclosed: "Some Facts About the Negro Citizen in Alexandria," "A Second Look: the Negro Citizen in Atlanta," and "The Negro Citizen in Arlington," together with the "Instructions and Guides for Use by Study Groups in the Employmant Survey of Four Southern Cities" which was prepared by our research staff prior to employment surveys in Atlanta, Chattanooga, Houston, and Miami.

We would suggest that a logical first step for your group might be preparation of a simple community audit of those areas where the obvious facts about racial discrimination can be listed without extensive investigation. Both good and bad might be listed in such an audit. This could form an outline, pointing toward those areas in which investigation in greater depth is warrented. Do not overlook, in both this simple audit and any more detailed survey which might follow, sources from which you might obtain vital data already compiled: city, state, and federal governmental agencies who would have certain information or be helpful in obtaining it;

the Chamber of Commerce, the local medical association. Local colleges and universitites can be a valuable resource and an investigation of recent theses and dissertations would probably be well worth the effort (particularly those in Negro college libraries).

We notice that you do not have a committee on health and welfare services; I assume that this important area will be handled by the committee on public facilities, and that private hospitals--particularly those affected by the Hill-Burton Act--will be surveyed. (I am enclosing a questionnaire form mailed by our research department to a number of hospitals last year.) It would be worthwhile, also, to investigate and report on privately owned facilities--hotels, restaurants, theatres, and other cultural facilities. Of particular interest might be the parctices of restaurants and cafeterias in buildings leased by or renting large areas of space to the federal government.

Media coverage of survey results is, of course, highly important; also important are the mther methods of disseminating and dramatizing your results to the public; presentation to church and civic groups, to bodies or organizations responsible for discriminatory policy, etc.. (The Nashville Community Relations Conference conducts a public meeting each year to present such material to the public and involve it in an attempt to find solutions. Reports on two of these annual conferences are enclosed.) We would urge here that even the most limited survey--even one not "successful" in terms of unearthing a mass of obscure information--is newsworthy and should be brought before the public eye. The enclosed Atlanta, Alexandria, and Arlington audits are examples of simple surveys which were well covered in the press. It would be helpful to establish a committee now with the responsibility of arranging for the widest possible dissemination of your findings, even the seemingly most obvious facts (perhaps your mass media committee is for this purpose). If your budget permits, attractive and well presented publication of your survey results would be highly useful. It is also important, in the presentation of findings, to give attention to possible solutions.

We probably don't need to add two obvious tips: your committees would be greatly enhanced if included on each can be a member with direct experience and knowledge in the area or field the committee will cover. Also, personal interviews, rather than mail questionnaires, should be undertaken at all costs.

If specific questions occur as you progress, please write us.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Field Services

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March 5, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, Northwest
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Anthony:

Please accept my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your interesting and informative presentation to our District Superintendents' Seminar group on Wednesday evening, February 27. Your sincerity and understanding of the human relations problems confronting us in the Southland impressed the men very much.

Because of pressing responsibilities in connection with the Seminar, I was not able to visit your office as promised. I regret this very much. During my next visit to Atlanta, I trust it will be possible for me to come by and visit with you.

Best wishes for continued success in your good work.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest T. Dixon, Jr.

ETDjr/jh

858 Whitworth Place, Memphis 6
Tennessee

Mr. Paul R. Illing
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Ga.

March 23 - 1963.

Dear Paul Illing:-

I am writing this to ask you to do me a kind-ness. You have doubtless received by now copies of the papers presented at the National Committee of Race Relations at Fisk last summer. Will you please dredge up my "Amoeba" and make this correction: page 3, paragraph 3, last line. Strike out this line and substitute "to around 40,000 with unverified reports of a few higher." The error was in my initial statement, not in the typing; nor did I suspect it to be an error till some real estate transactions this winter gave me pause. There is no way that I can eliminate the possibility that one or two such properties exist, but I have prowled through the tax assessment books which are open to the public to a limited extent for a sampling of sales or purchase prices of the best residential properties I know of as owned by Negroes. My failure to identify these top price items makes me pretty sure they do not exist - & the ~~[illegible]~~ statement ~~[illegible]~~ seemed be much sounder -

It is wholly my error, & I apologize for having used an inadequate source without

proper checking - I don't think the fate of the nation hangs on the figures; but I do think there is abundant misinformation being hurled about for me not to want to inject more into the stream of supposed knowledge. Most of the industrial papers, & of those reports issuing from your office are so sound in scholarship I don't want to let my association or sparrows die.

If your office has more than one copy would you be kind enough to have someone make the corrections in whatever copies you have on hand.

It was good to see you in South Carolina. I learned a great deal on that trip & certainly congratulate both South Carolina & your affiliates S.C. Council on Human Relations on having such as fine worker as Mrs. Alice Spearman. She has such a rare combination of qualities of mind & training, of spirit & skills. She is a boon in herself. And she was most hospitable & helpful to me too. My visit - thanks to her - to Penn Center on St Helena where I had worked nearly 40 years ago, was both enlightening and a joy. And I congratulate all you in the manner of the reception of Gantt's entry into Clemson.

With both apologies & regards & the best of good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret C. McCullough

March 26, 1963

Miss Margaret McCulloch
858 WNitford Place
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Miss McCulloch:

We have received your letter of March 23 to Paul Rilling and have made the requested corrections in your paper presented to the Fisk Institute last summer. We found that we had two copies here in our reference files, and both were corrected. Thank you for letting us know about this.

You may be interested to know that Paul Rilling has left the Council, having accepted in December, 1962 appointment as Executive Director of the Commissioners' Council on Human Relations in Washington, D. C.. Paul Anthony has replaced Paul Rilling as SRC's Director of Field Activities. (Rilling's address is 208 District Building, Washington 4, D. C..)

We are grateful for your comment on our publications and glad to know that Mrs. Spearman was able to be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secrdtary
Field Activities

SOUTHERN BRANCH
NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF AMERICA
2922 Surrey Road TR 1-5205 Birmingham 13, Ala.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Paul Anthony
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
~~FROM~~: Atlanta, Georgia

DATE: May 12, 1963

SUBJECT: Social Action

Dear Paul,

While you were in Oak Ridge I spoke briefly to you concerning an invitation to speak to a group of Synagogue women which I had received from Greenville, South Carolina. You offered to send me some information concerning SRC activities, current happenings and possible future developments in the area of social action in Greenville and in that vicinity. I would like to take advantage of your offer.

The date offered to me is June 7. I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

May I also ask for the name of the chairman of the nearest human relations commission to Greenville, and the names of any sympathyzers known in the Greenville area?

Oak Ridge was very pleased to have the State Human Relations Commission Board meet in our city. I note that I have consistently used the name 'Commission' when I really meant 'Council'!!

Thank you very much.

Betty

Mrs. Mendel Maskewitz
Vice-President, Southern Branch
NWLUSA
113 Potomac Circle
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

May 21, 1963
(Dictated May 17)

Mrs. Mendel Maskewitz
Vice-President, Southern Branch
NWLUSA
113 Potomac Circle
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Betty:

Under separate cover we are sending some SRC materials which may be of interest to you before your Greenville trip. Any of these materials are available in limited quantity to the women in Greenville and elsewhere.

A copy of your letter is being sent to Mrs. Alice Spearman, Director of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, 1330 Laurel Street, Columbia, South Carolina. She will, I am sure, be happy to give you a thumb nail sketch of conditions in Greenville at this moment, the names of good people, and information on CHR members there.

Oak Ridge took very good care of us last weekend. Thanks to you and all.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

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J June 17, 1963

Mrs. Fran Silver
107 Lehigh Lane
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Fran:

Our research department has your request and you should receive some helpful information in a few days.

Keep up the good work. In the new world Oak Ridge should be able to be done with this thing once and for all.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

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September 10, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Anthony:

On behalf of my colleagues in the Board of Managers, I want to express our appreciation for the valuable service which you rendered as a lecturer in our Third Annual Refresher Pastors' School. We particularly appreciate your willingness to spend extra time in the afternoon workshops.

In the evaluation session, we heard a number of comments of appreciation for a period in which the pastors can probe the difficult social issues of our day. We are very grateful for what you and your colleagues did for the Pastors' School. As we plan the sessions for later years, we hope that we can call upon you again.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

James S. Thomas

James S. Thomas

JST/lhm

409 West Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Ph. 483-8974
September 27, 1963

Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Rorsyth St. NW
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Anthony:

This note is to confirm last Monday's telephone call concerning the meeting in Oak Ridge of the Tennessee Unitarian Universalist Conference. The meeting is November 15-17, and we'd like you to speak Saturday evening the sixteenth at some hour like 8: or 8:30. The group will be between 40 and 100, with hopefully 20 persons or more from our various societies from Kingsport to Memphis.

Our preliminary announcement is going out with a tentative small-letter title like " new perspectives in the movement for equal opportunity in the South", but you should choose a title more to your liking. We'd certainly like to benefit from your intimate knowledge of what is happening in the South (and Tennessee) and your interpretation. Our final publicity needs to be written in ten days or so, so it would be nice to have a title by then. We could also use, but don't absolutely need, two or three sentences to indicate the tenor of what you expect to say. Any other publicity problems I leave to Mrs Bruce Ketelle, who may contact you later.

I'll try to arrange you a room at the Holiday Inn, for Saturday evening, and if you'll indicate what you would like to do or see during odd hours in Oak Ridge, I may be able to help arrange that too. The offer of $40. is still good, which I figure might just keep you fromlosing money.

We look forward to seeing you again in Nov.

Sincerely,
R. Peelle
Robert Peelle
Program Chairman

The Civil Rights Movement in the Nation & the South, November 1963

Tenn - Gen.

October 16, 1963

Mr. Robert Peelle
409 West Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Bob:

Please accept my apologies for not having acknowledged your letter sooner.

If we must deal with a title, what of "The Civil Rights Movement in the Nationaand the South, November, 1963." This seems an appropriate time to evaluate what has happened during the past six months or so, to suggest what these events mean, and what we may expect in the future, immediate and long range.

I shall arrive in Oak Ridge sometime during the day Saturday, November 16, and will anticipate a reservation at the Holiday Inn unless you write otherwise. Will plan to leave at the earliest convenient time on Sunday.

While there, time permitting, I would enjoy the opportunity of talking with any of the members of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations who are available.

Look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

409 West Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
November 2, 1963

Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, NW
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is the complete program for our conference-- at least the map may be helpful. This went to press before we got the correct title, but future publicity will be straightened out.

You have a reservation for Saturday the 16 at the Holiday Inn shown on the map. I had hoped that Fran Silver would be able to help arrange meetings for you Saturday afternoon if you wished, but it now appears that she will be out of town. Though my wife will also be tied up at our meeting, I will ask her to make some plans to help you out that afternoon. You might be interested in the discussion at 2 if nothing better turns up. Beth or I can be reached at home or at the church number shown on the yellow sheets at the time you arrive.

I should have written earlier to ask for a few tidbits which would be a help with local newspaper publicity. We have an old pamphlet describing the aims of the SRC, and your job by title. We could use a couple of short paragraphs of additional information, and the "borry" of a glossy print of yourself if you have one. You are probably more familiar with the needs than I, but I'm sure we could use your birthplace, training, experience, and a few words about the implications of your job title. So if you have time very soon, just jot down a few items in whatever form so our publicity people will have something to grind on.

We are looking forward to seeing you again in a fortnight.

Yours sincerely,

Bob

Robert Peelle
program chairman
483-8974

Waits in PA's abs-
send back ground

November 4, 1963

Mr. Robert Peelle
409 West Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Peelle:

In Paul Anthony's absence (he won't return to the office until Friday, November 8), I'm enclosing biographical data on him and, in answer to your request for information about the implications of his job title, his official job description. I'm sorry, but no photograph is available.

I'm sure Paul looks forward to being with you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Activities

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November 12, 1963

Mrs. Fran Silver
107 Lehigh Lane
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Fran:

Will arrive in Knoxville at 9:50 A.M. Saturday and Oak Ridge thereafter. Will await word from the Mayor's Committee. Sorry to miss you but think you're wise to get out of town.

Thanks for the kind words about the TCHR meeting. The remarks were no easier to make than they were to receive.

Best, sincerely, and all that.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

Tenn Gen.

EVELYN R. D

December 4, 1963

Mr. K. B. Piper
Vice President
Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Piper:

Mr. Dunbar has asked me to respond to your inquiry about "Inform National Reports." We have no information in our files about this organization. We are making inquiries and may have specific information on the organizaitonn or its sponsors in a week or so, which will be passed on to you if it is of value.

From the purposes stated on the letterhead it seems to be that it would be very unwise to invest in the service without knowing more about the group or without making a careful study of the publications previously issued by them.

It has long been a practice of publishing businesses, reputable and otherwise, to appeal to businessmen for funds enabling the distribution of materials to teachers and schools. In my opinion such services are of very limited value, be they reprints of the Federalist Papers, the Ten Commandments, or the John Birch Code. Further, I personally am suspicious of any group of any stripe which for profit proposes to be "a national information service on subversive organizations and activities."

I regret this contains so much opinion and so little fact. Hopefully in a week or so there will be more information to pass on to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

Tenn - Gen

March 24, 1964

Mrs. Mendel Maskewitz
113 Potomac Circle
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Maskewitz:

Monroe Schlactus, Director of the ADL in Atlanta, asked us to send you the enclosed information on the states of Tennessee, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana. State Council addresses, cities with local Councils on Human Relations, and Congressmen are listed; we do not, however, maintain up-to-date information on the names and addresses of chairmen of the many local Councils across the South. For this information you will need to get in touch with the directors of the State Councils.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Activities

cc: Mr. Monroe Schlactus

State Council directors, and their addresses, in the named states are:

Tennessee Council on Human Relations
Miss Katherine Jones
1106 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Mrs. Alice Spearman
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Alabama Council on Human Relations
Mr. Norman Jimerson
101 - 2121 Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Georgia Council on Human Relations
Mrs. Frances Pauldy
41 Exchange Place, S.E., Room 502
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Louisiana Council on Human Relations
No director. Acting chairman: The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alexander O. Sigur
P. O. Box 532
U.S.L. Station
Lafayette, Louisiana

Cities in those states with local human relations Councils:

Tennessee:	South Carolina:	Alabama:
Jackson	Columbia (1 adult, 1 student group)	Huntsville
Nashville	Jasper	Mobile area
Memphis	Beaufort	Muscle Shoals
Chattanooga	Rock Hill	Birmingham
Knoxville	Sumter	Montgomery
Oak Ridge	Aiken	Tuscaloosa
Bristol		Talladega
		Tuskegee

Georgia:	Louisiana:
Atlanta	New Orleans
Columbus	
Augusta	
Savannah	
Albany	
Glynn County	
Rome	
Macon	
Athens	

Congressmen in the named states:

Tennessee:
Senate - Herbert S. Walters, Albert Gore
House - James H. Quillen, Howard H. Baker, W. E. (Bill) Brock, Joe L. Evins, Richard Fulton, Ross Bass, Tom Murray, Robert A. Everett, Clifford Davis

South Carolina:
Senate - Olin D. Johnston, J. Strom Thurmond
House - L. Mendel Rivers, Albert W. Watson, W. J. Bryan Dorn, Robert T. Ashmore, Robert W. Hemphill, John L. McMillan

Alabama:
Senate - Lister Hill, John J. Sparkman
House - George M. Grant, George W. Andrews, Kenneth A. Roberts, Albert Rains, Armistead I. Selden, Jr., Carl Elliott, Robert E. Jones, Jr., George Huddleston, Jr.

Georgia:
Senate - Herman E. Talmadge, Richard B. Russell
House - G. Elliott Hagan, J. L. Pilcher, E. L. (Tic) Forrester, John J. Flynt, Jr., Charles L. Weltner, Carl Vinson, John W. Davis, J. Russell Tuten, Phil M. Landrum, Robert G. Stephens, Jr.

Louisiana:
Senate - Russell B. Long, Allen J. Ellender
House - F. Edward Hebert, Hale Boggs, Edwin E. Willis, Joe D. Waggonner, Jr., Otto E. Passman, James H. Morrison, T. A. Thompson, Gillis William Long

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THE CHATTANOOGA COUNCIL FOR COOPERATIVE ACTION

433½ EAST NINTH STREET
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE
Telephone 267-9955

H. J. TRAYLOR, PRESIDENT

M. J. JONES, RESEARCH COORDINATOR

March 30, 1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Anthony:

In order to facilitate our intense publicity which is to start within a day or so, will you please forward to me a glossary print and a biographical sketch?

Very truly yours,

M. J. Jones

M. J. Jones

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Tenn. - Gen.

March 31, 1964

Mr. M. J. Jones
The Chattanooga Council for Cooperative Action
433-1/2 East Ninth Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Jones:

Here is the requested biographical sketch of Paul Anthony.

I'm terribly sorry, but we have no glossy photograph of him available.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Activities

Enc.

Tenn. Gen.

March 31, 1964

Dr. Henry H. Hill
Center for Southern Education Studies
George Peabody College for Teachers
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Hill:

Thank you for the very helpful enclosures in your letter of March 25. We shall share a copy of the study with interested persons in Mississippi and suggest they write Mr. Fountain for further information on Louisiana.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

THE COMMITTEE OF SOUTHERN CHURCHMEN

1106 NINETEENTH AVENUE, SOUTH NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37212

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Jim Silve

May 13, 1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

One of our Committeemen in Mississippi, Jim Waits, recently spent an afternoon with Frank Barber, administrative assistant to Governor Paul Johnson. Jim has known Barber since school days and feels that the discussion was honest.

1. The Governor is quite concerned about the newly formed white resistance groups in the southwest part of the state--the Society for the Preservation of the White Race. He is well informed on their activities and the activities of the Klan within the state. He "intends to enforce the law where they are concerned and will not tolerate their taking things into their own hands." At a recent rally of the WCC on the coast where General Walker was the speaker, President McCain of Mississippi Southern was to have presided and Wizard Sheldon was to have been an honored guest. The Governor's office advised McCain against appearing and he did not appear.

2. The Governor is well informed on the planned activities of COFO, has read the materials they have prepared and feels that if they stay within the bounds of the announced format there will be no trouble. "Demonstrations are a different matter and will not be tolerated." The recently enacted law prohibiting meetings for the purpose of creating disturbances was aimed at the Klan but can be used against any group.

From another source comes word that the public schools of Biloxi have ended all social activities for the twelfth grade during the next school year. This is the first indication I have seen that they do not intend to close the schools.

Keep the faith,

Will

Will D. Campbell

CHARLES JONES, CHAIRMAN WILL D. CAMPBELL, DIRECTOR JUANITA CLEGGETT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Tenn - Gen.

May 27, 1964

Mr. Will D. Campbell
The Committee of Southern Churchmen
1108 Nineteenth Avenue
South Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Many thanks for the Mississippi information. I would appreciate anything of this type as you get it since--heaven forbid--I have to spend as much time as possible in your home state this summer.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

Tenn - Gen

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Mrs. Lawrence Coe
3580 Watauga Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee 38111

Aug. 12, 1964

Memo to

Southern Region Council from Frances Coe:

1. Thought the enclosed editorial good enough to call to your attention.

2. In reply to the Memorandum from Paul Anthony about follow up on the June 25 meeting I am taking over temporarily for Sue Ish, whose husband has had serious surgery in Chicago.

1. Editorial is one of a number of strong ones in P-S. Commercial Appeal has commended to the skies the Yale & Harvard students who came down to teach in Miss & at Rust this summer but has rarely missed a chance to rant at the 'Mississippi invasion'. In general there has been little public discussion.

2. No bad statements by any officials, an occasional strong one like refusal of Commissioner Hunter Lewis, Jr. to eat at one of the restaurant-turned clubs. C. of C. has made no public statement but has quietly worked with some of the restaurants.

3, 4. All motels & hotels open, all big restaurants, all chains. 5-10 have become private clubs - only 2 prominent ones - Bill & Jim's on Madison & Coach House on Poplar. 4 or 5 smaller ones have used excuses like 'out of food'. Citizens Council held a meeting at public library to encourage restaurants not to open fall - very limited effect, I'd say. This information I checked yesterday with Jesse Turner, chm. NAACP. NAACP will begin again this week testing the few holdouts & places that might 'slip back'.

5. None that I know of other than the sporadic but continuous efforts of committee from MCRC.

Your Memphis story by Muse excellent. Would it be possible to get more to distribute to city officials? Press Scimitar ran a good & conspicuous article on it.

Don't know if you know - in the Demo primary & General Election we elected three Negroes (1st to win office since Reon.): A.W. Willis to Position I for state legislature, Jesse Turner as a delegate to Constitutional Convention (he won over prominent Repub. lawyer & our powerful Crump machine woman who has been delegate to other conventions!) & Charles Ware as constable. Sugarman lost by small vote in bid for state senate spot, Unless Goldwater stampedes us I think Willis will be elected in Nov. along with rest of Demo. ticket.

Also George Grider, a liberal lawyer, defeated old machine Cliff Davis, for U.S. rep. spot on Demo ticket (Cliff voted against Civil Rights bill & talked against it here during campaign) & Bass won senate spot. We're really going to have some election in November!

Am also enclosing an ad you might be interested in. Actually this Lakeland was built some 3-4 yrs. ago with just this in mind. I assume phony things like this will be taken care of in the courts. From the barrage of ads for past 2 mos. I don't think they've been too successful financially.

As to 6 - I wish I knew. We had one meeting in July of some 30 women from 5 groups (local AAUW doesn't want in) & meet again Aug. 24 to plan a big open meeting for women on Title II.

September 23, 1964

Mr. Elbert B. Jean
Route 5, Pine Circle Rd.
Franklin, Tennessee

Dear Elbert:

Les has referred your letter of the 11th to me. I have been aware of the plight of all three men but am ignorant of what to do about it. The Mississippi Council people have been looking for a way to help Chester Molpus and maybe they can do something to help Dr. Ashmore, though at best it will be another pittance.

There ought to be a foundation to help but we don't know of one. Can't you get some of those high powered Methodist Churchwomen behind this? I would think the Womens Division of Christian Service could come through promptly with a thousand or two dollars and would seriously consider doing so. I certainly agree it would be a tragedy for the Advocate to leave the Mississippi scene.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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Tenn - Gen

PA - can you be looking into this, please

Franklin, Tennessee
Route 5, Pine Circle Rd.
September 11, 1964

Dr. Leslie Dunbar
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Les:

I hope that you have survived vacation and surgery and that you may be able to give me some guidance in regard to some distressed brethren. I had visits with Judson Jackson pastor of First Baptist La Grange, Ga., and Chester Molpus pastor of First Baptist Belzoni, Miss. Their stories are almost identical. Jackson has been there 12 years, Molpus 21. Each have sons in high school and college. Each must be out of the situation by October 1. Each had had previous warnings on their stand. Each have been moved by action of the deacons. I presume the men are fiftish. Each man prefers to continue preaching and pastoring a church if possible, if not teaching, and if not teaching some type of secular work, preferably social service. Attempts are being made to secure pulpits, some attempts have been made to try and sedure funds for them to work for Will's operation. Some attempts at getting federal employment, especially on the anti-poverty program. Since I have not had contact with them in the last two weeks it may be that they have a job, but I think that both of these men are competent administrativly and faithful peeachers... have you any ideas?

The second major concern of the moment is Dr. Sam Ashmore, editor of the Mississippi Christian Adovate. The adovate has made a real contribution to the cause in Miss., and for this reason its subscriptions are down some 7-8 thousand at $2.00 per year. I am told that the Methodist Layman's Association now has a paper with wider circulation. Same has not received any salary since June. I have tried to alert all our boards etc., and they have responsded with pittance gifts. Is there any foundations that would help out to keep the paper going? I think that if aid is not forthcoming that some attention should be given to the paper's death.

Sincerely,

Ellis B. Jean

Tenn. Gen.

September 28, 1964

Miss Mary Frances Lacey
Executive Director
Young Women's Christian Association
200 Monroe Avenue
Memphis 3, Tennessee

Dear Miss Lacey:

The problem you outline in your letter goes so much to the heart of what we are trying to do--and are up against--that I have no illusions about having the answers. However, if you feel there would be some value in my coming up to discuss this with you and others I would welcome the opportunity.

It would seem an afternoon session to explore this with a subsequent session at a later date probably involving someone other than myself would be the proper way to approach this.

Wednesday, November 11, would be convenient for me. November 24 is less convenient but also possible.

Remember, though, I warned you of my ignorance!

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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Young Women's Christian Association
200 Monroe Avenue
Memphis 3, Tennessee

September 10, 1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Anthony

I am afraid I did not make myself clear in my letter of September 3. We are not concerned with opening our facilities or our program but the skills that are needed by the leadership to make the meeting of people of different backgrounds the best possible.

We have numerous committee meetings, council meetings, etc., that are inclusive. We feel, however, that some of these are not as effective as they should be because of a constraint. We particularly want help in this area for staff members and for volunteers who are interested. We have a very large teenage membership which operates in three geographical areas. Sometimes the communication between the youngsters in the extremely deprived areas and those in the more privileged areas is as difficult as it is across racial lines. This is true in both the white and Negro communities.

Naturally at this moment of history we are more concerned with the communication across racial lines because Memphis has such a large opportunity to move very fast, now that practically everything is open to everybody.

Florence Harris is a very ~~dear~~ friend of mine and I have great confidence in her. We have not called on her because we were getting along all right in the opening of program to everybody. I understood that her main function was to help associations move in this direction.

We would be delighted to have you come, and November would be a good time if we could work out a mutually acceptable time. World Fellowship Week and Thanksgiving limit us to some extent, but if you would give us the dates in November that you could come and the amount of time that you think it would take to accomplish some of this we will let you know right away whether or not this will fit into our schedule. We will be very glad to invite other agencies with comparable needs to participate.

With all good wishes for you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mary Frances Lacey

Mary Frances Lacey
Executive Director

MFL/fp

September 8, 1964

Miss Mary Frances Lacey
Executive Director
Young Women's Christian Association
200 Monroe Avenue
Memphis 3, Tennessee

Dear Miss Lacey:

We have your letter of September 3rd and would like to be of assistance if possible.

First, do you know Miss Florence Harris, formerly director of the YW regional office in Atlanta? I believe Miss Harris is now directing a special nation-wide project to help meet the needs you speak of. She can be reached at the YW office, 41 Exchange Place, Atlanta. Miss Harris is very knowledgeable and with many years of experience.

Also, should you wish, we could explore with the Atlanta YW having someone from their staff come out. The YW here has not done a perfect job but they have acted with sincerity and haven't done a bad job of making the change.

Finally, I would be happy to come out for a visit if there is any likelihood I could be of help. However, commitments and vacaiom would not make it possible for me to come before early November. I have worked with the YW here for some years and have a very high regard for the good work and the good people of the YW.

If none of these suggestions seem appropriate, let me know and we'll explore the matter further. We can probably help with trave expenses should that become an issue.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA —
Want to answer?
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Young Women's Christian Association
200 Monroe Avenue
Memphis 3, Tennessee

AIR MAIL

September 3, 1964

Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Friends:

The YWCA has felt that one of its deterrents in achieving integration within the YWCA as a practice (we have the commitment) is the ineptness of staff members in this area. We want to do, but our tools are not always the best. The Interracial Practices Committee has asked me to write you and see whether you can recommend a person who could come to Memphis and work with our staff as a group, and in some cases as individuals, to remedy this. This would not preclude some volunteers sitting in at certain times, but in the staff training we would like to have some techniques of particular relevance to our jobs.

I realize this is a big order, and, as usual, the YWCA's funds are limited but we would be able to put some money into it. If you would let me know what the possibilities are within the near future, would appreciate it.

Cordially yours,

Mary Frances Lacey

Mary Frances Lacey
Executive Director

MFL/fp

MEMBER OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Young Women's Christian Association
200 Monroe Avenue
Memphis 3, Tennessee

AIR MAIL

November 10, 1964

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Mr. Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Anthony:

We have not heard from you in reply to my letter of October 9. In my letter of October 9 I advised you we would set aside a block of time for November 24, since you had indicated that would be possible. Your secretary wrote us that you had an assignment in New York the day before but she assumed that you would be here on the date mentioned.

We are still holding the time from 1:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon of November 24 to be used in whatever way we devise with your help to increase the communicative ability of the staff and other YWCA leaders in the particular situation in which we find ourselves.

We do hope that you can come, but if it is not possible we need to know in the next few days.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mary Frances Lacey

Mary Frances Lacey
Executive Director

MFL/fp

November 11, 1964

Miss Mary Frances Lacey
Executive Director
Young Women's Christian Association
200 Monroe Avenue
Memphis 3, Tennessee

Dear Miss Lacey:

I shall arrive in Memphis from Washington sometime during the evening of Monday, November 23, and will be available during the day of the 24th for whatever schedule you find most convenient.

I would like to return to Atlanta, if possible, during the afternoon or evening of the 24th.

There continues to be serious doubt about the help I can offer, but I do look forward to meeting you and exploring this complex problem. If the above schedule does not fit your needs, let me know and I will alter it accordingly.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

Young Women's Christian Association
200 Monroe Avenue
Memphis 3, Tennessee

November 13, 1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W. , Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Anthony:

We appreciate your letter of November 11 and will look forward to your visit on November 24. We have set aside the time from 1:30 to 4:30 P.M. on Tuesday. I have checked the plane schedules by Delta and Eastern and find there is a flight out of here at 4:45 P.M., arriving in Atlanta at 8:10 P.M. via Eastern. We could move our scheduled time up to 1:00 o'clock and be through by 4:00 o'clock, if that would help you. It would be fine if you could come over on the morning of the 24th and let us get "our ducks in a row" as to how we will proceed.

The Peabody Hotel, the Downtowner Motel and the Travelodge are all within a couple of blocks of the YWCA, and the limousine would pick you up on Tuesday.

I do not remember whether I wrote you that the Women's Interorganizational Committee on Civil Rights is inviting all youth serving agencies in Memphis to attend the meeting on Monday, the 16th, to tell us what they are doing in the fields of integration. I think it would be appropriate if we invited the staff from the agencies that are really interested to meet with us on the 24th. If you do not agree with this, let me know right away. I do not anticipate a surge of staff people but there would be some.

We will look forward to seeing you as early as you would like to come over on the 24th., and with all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mary Frances Lacey
Mary Frances Lacey
Executive Director

MFL/fp

1. res. late arrival - Mon 23rd -
2. make res. at Downtowner -
3. Invite anyone -
4. I'll call Tues. A.M. - who available
5. early plane

MEMBER OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

November 17, 1964

Miss Mary Frances Lacey
Executive Director
YOung Women's Christian Association
200 Monroe Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Miss Lacey:

Paul Anthony, who is out of the office, asked me to reply to your letter of November 13. He will arrive on Monday evening, and would appreciate your making a reservation for him for that evening, the 23rd, at the Downtowner Motel, specifying late arrival.

I feel sure he wants you to invite anyone you think appropriate.

He will call you on Tuesday A.M., and will be available Tuesday morning. He'll want to leave as early as possible Tuesday afternoon or evening, so perhaps scheduling the meeting from 1:00 to 4:00, as you suggest, would be advisable.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Activities

December 28, 1964

Dr. Kenneth R. Whettemore
University of Chattanooga
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Whettemore:

We are enclosing a list of agencies with race relations programs in the South (that is, those having programs in more than one Southern state). We have written the state Councilson Human Relations for complete listings of local Councils and will send you that information shortly.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Activities

PLAN AND SCHEDULE FOR THE 1966 MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN
TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

STEP ONE

TO BE TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT OF EACH CHAPTER -- TO BE COMPLETED BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 27th.

Read this plan carefully as soon as you receive it. The initiative for your chapter is your responsibility and it is up to you to get things moving. If your chapter has a finance chairman and/or membership chairman, the president certainly should consult them and perhaps delegate this responsibility. But the President should give this his personal attention. Whatever potential the Tennessee Council on Human Relations has to further the cause of justice, community, and human dignity in Tennessee will be lost to the extent that any chapter fails to carry out each step of this plan. It is that important. And the work has to be completed in eight weeks---including the New Year holidays. So read the plan now, please. That is step one.

FOREWARD

We face a great challenge in the coming year. We have had an increase in membership and state financial contributions this year. The Tennessee Council on Human Relations must develop a sound financial basis if we are to continue our work. Foundations now require that grants be made on a matching basis. Last year the scope of the Council's work was broadened. We are now working in more and poorer areas with militant Negro leadership and are also having contacts and meetings with Chambers of Commerce. Our financial support from Tennessee will come from three areas: Membership dues, membership pledges and donations, and non-member special gifts from individuals and from the business community. We cannot afford to accept contributions that will endanger our freedom to act any place and at any time where human rights and dignity are concerned. For this reason our basic support must come from our membership and Foundation grants.

The annual meeting directed that a membership and finance campaign be conducted. At the meeting of the executive committee in Nashville on December 11, the committee gave unanimous approval to this plan. The plan is not original. It is the plan of the Alabama council that helped them to triple their membership and quadruple their financial support to the council last year. The list of membership and finance quotas for each chapter or area is included at the end of this plan. We believe they are below our potential. These are suggested goals. We ask only that you use them for guidelines and follow the plan without shortcuts.

We are not having a long drawn out campaign. If the plan is followed, we will have the bulk of our pledges and recruitment of membership before the campaign closes on Saturday, March 5.

So get to work. Please? WELL BEGUN IS HALF DONE!

STEP TWO

TO BE TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT (JOINTLY WITH MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE CHAIRMEN, IF YOU HAVE THEM) -- TO BE COMPLETED BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5th

Call a special meeting of your chapter's Board of Directors (or the real informal leaders, if your chapter has no organized board) for a date not later than January 12th. The purpose of this meeting is detailed in step three. But it is

especially important that the decision to conduct your membership-financial campaign be taken deliberately and officially by the Board of Directors.

STEP THREE

TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHAPTER -- TO BE COMPLETED BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1966.

Part 1 - At the meeting called by the president consider this plan and decide whether or not you will follow the plan. As before, you are not asked to commit your group to enlist as many members or to raise as much money as suggested for your goal. You are only asked to follow the plan, using the financial quota in the manner set forth below. If you will follow the plan conscientiously, taking no "short cuts," we are confident that you will succeed.

Part 2 - Choose a date sometime between January 31 and February 25th for your 1966 "Challenge Meeting." (Select an alternate date, too - see part 4 of this step.) And start the preparation for it. The Challenge Meeting could take the place of your regular meeting in February. It is highly desirable that the Challenge Meeting be a dinner meeting -- perhaps a covered dish dinner. Chapters which had the covered-dish dinner may find it valuable in itself. At the very least plan for coffee and dessert before the scheduled talks.

Part 3 - Appoint a campaign committee and designate a chairman. He might be the chairman of your standing committee on finance or membership; or you may think it best to appoint a third person. The committee might include all of the Board.

Part 4 - Telephone the Executive Director (Baxton Bryant) to report your Board's decision to follow the plan and to give him the date of your challenge meeting and the name of your campaign chairman. Do not write. Call "collect." This is so conflicting dates may be resolved at once. The office numbers are 297-6568 and 297-6569. Home phone is 297-4065. This call might well be made before your Board meeting breaks up. Baxton Bryant will be expecting your call by January 12.

STEP FOUR

TO BE TAKEN BY THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE -- TO BE COMPLETED BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1966.

Part 1 - By this time the name and address of everyone in your area who joined TCHR or contributed during the past two or three years will be sent to the campaign chairman, if his name has been reported according to Step Three. Each family name will be on a 3x5 index card with a notation of the amount contributed last year. (All such information should be treated as a confidence, of course, by all members of the committee and all visitors. NOTE: A few large contributors who are not otherwise active in their local chapter will be assigned to a "special gifts" committee of the state Board. Your campaign chairman will be sent a list of these names, so that they will not be solicited twice. Their contributions will be credited to your chapter, but your quota has been set apart from any anticipated amount from "special gifts.")

At a meeting of the campaign committee, go over this list. Do two things -- very important things! (1) Think of new membership prospects and add them to the list on your own 3x5 cards; and (2) find as many people as you can who heretofore have only paid a membership fee, but who could be asked to contribute -- perhaps becoming

a"ten-percenter" or "five-percenter" as outlined below. This is very important. Each year we lose some members and some contributors. New ones have to be found -- even if we only needed to maintain our present levels of strength and effectiveness.

Next, select your advance gifts donors.This is of the utmost importance. You cannot expect to succeed if you do not find these donors to "set the level of giving." If you do, you will be able to announce at the Challenge Meeting that you already have pledged 50% of your goal! Look at your donations quota on the attached list. Find:

At least one person, but hopefully two persons, who can be asked to give 10 per cent of your donations quota.

At least six persons(if you had two ten-percenters) or eight persons (if you had only one ten-percenter) who can each be asked to give 5 per cent of your donations quota.

Please note that in no case would the 10% be more than $200 ($16.67 per month) or the 5% more than $100 ($8.33 per month). In most cases, it will be much less. Your committee may very well know members who should be asked to give more if their donation, in the light of their ability to give, is to be a worthy expression of their concern for better human relations in Tennessee. And your committee may very well know more than the number of persons suggested above who should be ten-percenters or five-percenters. You should never "under ask" of course! Moreover, every member that you know to be capable of giving as much as 5% of your quota should be asked to do so. We are only saying that you ought to raise 50% of your quota in the first eight or ten gifts. You may very well be able to beat that!

Members of the campaign committee should be assigned to call personally on each of these individuals before the date of the Challenge meeting. (Some pledge cards will be sent.) Before calling on anyone else, one should make his own commitment. During these calls, the campaign committee member should review the program of TCHR in 1965, both state and local, and tell what is forthcoming in 1966. (Fact sheets will be sent you.) He should tell briefly that we are in the midst of our annual membership-financial drive and give the date of the Challenge Meeting. Then he may say something like this: "If these goals are to be reached, if the Council is to increase in size and effectiveness, and if we are to secure still more special projects, such as additional staff members for east and west Tennessee, we must have continued strong support from members and Tennessee residents. In order to set the level of giving-- to put the "challenge"in our "Challenge Meeting"--we need a few substantial pledges before that meeting. We need you to help set this adequate level by being one of those giving $_____ in 1966. That would be$_____per month, or $_____ per quarter, if you prefer."

Part 2 - At this same meeting, after you have selected and assigned to the Campaign Committee members the advance gifts prospects, go over the list to select a number of notably good, reliable members of the chapter to help with the general solicitation visits after the Challenge Meeting. Everyone on the list who does not renew his membership and/or make an over-and-above pledge at the Challenge Meeting is to receive a personal visit. You should have at least one visitor or husband-wife team for every 10 persons on your list of prospects. (After subtracting those who join and/or pledge at the Challenge Meeting, each caller may have 5 or 6 visits to make.) The campaign committee should not plan to do this calling, even if it should be feasible. Let more people participate. The more participation the better.

Part 3 - Check to be sure that arrangements for the Challenge Meeting are in order, that adequate notice of it has been given or will be given. It should receive lots of publicity among the members. Plug it hard. (If you called in your Challenge Meeting date on schedule -- January 12 -- it can be announced in the Newsletter.)

Part 4 - Select two of your ablest members to speak at the Challenge Meeting on the subjects "TCHR 1965--A Great Council Year," and "TCHR 1966--Why It Needs Planned Giving." The second should plan to ask those present to fill our the pledge-card forms. Baxton Bryant will be available to speak before these members, if desired, but one of your local members should actually issue the "challenge."

AGAIN IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS STEP, IN ALL ITS PARTS, IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE. THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR PLANNING YOUR ADVANCE GIFTS SOLICITATIONS. THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A PERSONAL VISIT TO EACH PROSPECT FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF TALKING ABOUT TCHR AND ASKING HIM TO GIVE OR JOIN. THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR DESIGNATING A PARTICULAR AMOUNT THAT EACH VISITOR IS TO SUGGEST TO THE PROSPECT. (THIS APPLIES TO THE GENERAL SOLICITATION, AS WELL AS TO ADVANCE GIFTS. THE COMMITTEE MIGHT WRITE ON EACH PROSPECT CARD "SUGGESTED ASKING $_____".)

STEP FIVE

TO BE TAKEN BY THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE -- TO BE COMPLETED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1966.

Make the calls for the advance gifts pledges. A good time to do this would be during the last week of January. Be sure to report the results of your advance gifts effort to the state office by January 31. We want to put our a special newsletter reporting the progress of the campaign, and the other chapters will need your encouragement.

Also, you should have asked and secured a commitment from your local Challenge Meeting speakers by this date. And all of your follow-up visitors should have been recruited and asked (1) to attend the Challenge Meeting and (2) to remain for 45 minutes after that meeting to receive instructions. This is important. A little training will help a lot.

STEP SIX

THE CHALLENGE MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS -- TO BE HELD NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25th -- BUT EARLIER IS BETTER.

It would be much better to have the Challenge Meeting earlier, so that there would be more time for the follow-up visits. The follow-up can be completed in a couple of days, however, provided there is careful planning and organization.

Be sure to make arrangements for a quick tally of the memberships and the pledges made on the night of the Challenge Meeting, so that those attending can share in the achievement. Don't forget to plan the 45-minute training session after the meeting for your follow-up visitors.

STEP SEVEN

TO BE TAKEN BY THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND THE ENLISTED VISITORS -- TO BE COMPLETED BY MIDNIGHT, SATURDAY, MARCH 5.

Final report on the follow-up visits should be in the mail to the state office by midnight, March 5. This will enable us to complete the report on the campaign for the whole state and announce it at the Board of Directors Meeting on March 12.

You should carry through on the follow-up of course, even if your whole quota of members and funds should be attained by the end of the Challenge Meeting. Everyone who can give to the support of TCHR, its purpose and its program, needs to do so and should be given the opportunity to do so.

CHECKLIST OF DATES

____December 27. President has read the Plan of Campaign.

____January 5. President has set time and called a meeting of his chapter's board of directors for January 12 or sooner.

____January 12. Board of Directors meeting has been held. Plan has been adopted, Challenge Meeting date chosen and preparations started, campaign committee and chairman have been appointed, and report has been made to Executive Director and date cleared by telephone.

____January 19. Campaign Committee has prepared advance pledge list of 8 or 9 individuals from whom at least 50% of financial goal may be secured. Committee members have been assigned to make these visits. Follow-up visitors have been selected and assigned to someone to recruit. Local chapter speakers for Challenge Meeting have been chosen.

____January 28. Advance gifts pledges have been secured and results reported to the state office. All follow-up visitors have been recruited and commitments secured from Challenge Meeting speakers.

____February 25 (but preferably earlier). Challenge Meeting has been held.

____March 5. Follow-up visits have been completed and final report mailed to the state office.

____March 12. Victory announcement at the state Board of Directors meeting.

"THE SECRET OF SUCCESS IN ANY UNDERTAKING IS NOTHING MORE -- OR LESS -- THAN DOING WHAT YOU DON'T WANT TO DO WHEN YOU DON'T WANT TO DO IT."

The Executive Director and state office will give all the time needed in the directing of this campaign. Each chapter will be getting additional information and will have a visit from the executive director in helping to organize the campaign. Don't wait though to get started. Call us collect if you need our help before we get to you.

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Membership and Financial Quotas for 1966

The following quotas are suggested as the level at which you should "set the sights of your local council's drive this year. Theyare not to be interpreted as "Assessments," although they do represent a reasonable share of the necessary support for TCHR from your chapter. All that is asked is that you make the serious effort outlined in the plan of campaign, with the effort pegged at least at the level suggested below for your chapter.

As mentioned in the plan, some large donors from your community may have been assigned to the Special Gifts Committee of the state Board. Such major donations will be credited to your chapter, but the donations quotas below are our best estimate of the amount that each chapter should be able to raise, with reasonable effort, in addition to any amount raised from "special gifts" donors.

For each chapter we have listed a membership goal and, in parentheses beside that figure, calculated at $3.50 per person, the approximate amount of the membership fees. (At. $5.00 single, $7.00 joint, and $2.00 student.) Next we have listed a "Donations Quota" for each chapter, which is what you should aim to raise over-and above the membership fees (although we take any donor's membership dues out of his local contribution.) Your "ten-percenters" and "five-per centers" should be asked to give 10% or 5% of this "Donations Quota" figure. And then we have listed the total of membership fees and donations.

Chapter	Membership Quota	Amount of Fees	Donations Quota	Total Goal
Bristol	30	$ 105	$ 200	$ 305.00
Chattanooga	100	350	1,000	1,350.00
Coffee County	50	175	500	675.00
Fayette County	40	140	200	340.00
Haywood County	25	87.50	200	287.50
Jackson	40	140	400	540.00
Johnson City	40	140	200	340.00
Knoxville	100	350	1,000	1,350.00
Lauderdale County	40	140	200	340.00
Memphis	300	1,050	2,000	3,050.00
Murfreesboro	40	140	400	540.00
Nashville	400	1,400	2,000	3,400.00
Oak Ridge	30	105	1,000	1,105.00
Tipton County	25	87.50	200	287.50
Wilson County	30	105	200	305.00
Others	110	385.00	500	885.00
Totals	1,400	$4,900	$10,200	$15,100.00

TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY CHAPTERS	$15,100
TOTAL TO BE RAISED - SPECIAL GIFTS	10.000
TOTAL GOAL OF CAMPAIGN	$25,100

and 1,400 MEMBERS OR MORE!

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Professor of medicine. Member, Association of American Physicians, American Society for Clinical Investigation, and Nashville Human Relations Council. Chairman, Staphylococcal Commission of the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board. Recipient of the Junior Chamber of Commerce award as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Year 1961.

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Operates building materials business. Member, Chattanooga Community Relations Conference and Tennessee Community Relations Council.

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Attorney. Member, Memphis branch NAACP executive board, Tennessee Voting Registration League, Memphis Non-Partisan Registration Committee, and board member of the Memphis Community Relations Committee.

Jane Stembridge, exec. sec. nat'l student group, said she had had correspondance from young Negro leader of group in Oak Ridge, and he will be here for the meeting this week-end. She will talk with him about what he might like to have other groups do in the way of support; also, she thought this might be part of their discussion in the meeting.

Jim Gibson has not called me yet.

He is in Pa. now, in school.

Lonnie King will be by one day next week.

Mrs. J. H. Wilcox of Knoxville,

Tennessee - filed under Unitarian

Service Committee

Memo FROM THE DESK OF **PAUL RILLING**

~~Ja 5-1463~~
Stambridge
MU 8-0331

M. A.

any ideas?

PR

Seems to me the Atl student group would be interested in picketing in sympathy, and that perhaps the Nat'l group would cooperate by asking students in other cities (with Morris Bros. restaurants) to also picket in sympathy.

M —

want me to call Jim Gibson for you? ask him to come by?

Pam Coe
3580 Watauga
Memphis 11, Tennessee

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

Here is the resume you asked me for at the recent meeting of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations. It is accurate, but it leaves out some of the transitory and very odd jobs I have held during college -- camp councilor, book shelver, hoagy salesman, free-lance typist, etc.

Thank you very much for your interest in my career. I will let you know if I get a job any time in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Pam Coe

Pam Coe

enc.

circulated to staff
with cc
to Jean Wofford

Tenn Council

For purposes of completion and verification

DRAFT DRAFT

INVENTORY OF KNOXVILLE PROGRESS TOWARD DESEGREGATION AND INTEGRATION

EDUCATION:

Negro students have attended the University of Tennessee Graduate School and Law School since 1952 and more than 100 have been enrolled.

Beginning in 1955, more than 20 Negro student practical nurses have been enrolled in clinical training courses at St. Mary's Hospital.

The Knoxville Board of Education has conducted in-service training programs for teachers and other school personnel on an integrated basis for more than five years.

Maryville College, at Maryville, has desegregated its student body and employed a Negro teacher, part time.

Knoxville College admitted its first white students in the Fall of 1957. The faculty has been integrated for many years.

RELIGION:

The Knoxville Ministerial Association became an inclusive fellowship more than 15 years ago and a Negro, the Reverend W. T. Crutcher, served as president for 1956.

The denominational ministers' groups of Baptists, Episcopalians, Methodists and Presbyterians are desegregated.

The United Church Women is an integrated group.

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, First Lutheran Church, the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church, and the First United Presbyterian Church have members from majority and minority groups. Some downtown "white" churches have Negro worshipers.

In Oak Ridge, the First Presbyterian Church and the Unitarian Church have Negro members and _____ other churches have clear policies that they will accept members solely on the basis of religious conviction.

The United Preaching Mission for Knoxville and Oak Ridge was begun on a desegregated basis in 1958 and will be continued each year.

EMPLOYMENT:

Knoxville Police Department has hired Negro policemen for more than 50 years and the Fire Department has employed Negroes for more than 7 years.

The Tennessee Valley Authority has long employed personnel without discrimination and has minority group workers as chemist , civil and electrical engineer , draftsmam, statistican, personnel worker, and many other non-traditional as well as traditional jobs in more than 100 job classifications.

The East Tennessee Tuberculosis Hospital employs one nurse and two practical nurses who are Negro.

GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

The Children's Bureau Board is desegregated.

Knoxville Health Commission and the Knoxville Parking Authority are desegregated.

The City Council elected a Negro to the City Planning Commission in August 1955.

The Mental Health Association is desegregated.

The United Christian Forces is desegregated.

The professional associations of doctors, nurses, social workers, and lawyers are desegregated.

The Knoxville Academy of Medicine admitted its first Negro doctor in 1955.

PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS:

Chilhowee, Tyson and Cowan Parks were desegregated in 1956.

In July 1955 Knoxville Mayor George Dempster announced that there would be no discrimination at the University of Tennessee Hospital.

The Sky Chief Restaurant at Municipal Airport was opened to Negroes in 1954.

The Knoxville Transit Lines announced in April 1956 that it would immediately begin operations on a desegregated basis.

The Tennessee Coach Company announced the same policy at the same time.

All branches of the downtown Knoxville Public Library were desegregated in 1950.

This inventory aims only to present facts about progress in Knoxville. The Council is also compiling information on areas of no progress.

To report additions, changes, corrections, and to request copies of this inventory, write to:

Knoxville Area Human Relations Council
P.O. Box 1011, Knoxville 1, Tennessee

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Dear Friend:

Your name has been given to us as a person who might be interested in the program of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations. Its overall objective is to promote just solutions to problems in the field of human relations.

The Council has opened its office in Nashville at the above address and has employed an office secretary. You will also notice that officers and board members have been elected and committees have been appointed and are functioning. At this time our greatest concern is the employment of a well-qualified executive director. In order to do this we need contributions and membership fees to supplement a small grant we are now receiving from the Southern Regional Council.

An executive director familiar with techniques and methods used successfully in other places can be of help to any community facing human relations problems. Responsible citizens like yourself, concerned with these problems, can work more effectively by combining their efforts through the Tennessee Council. A successful completion of our membership enrollment and finance campaign will mean that the Council will be in a position to obtain its objectives and to give aid to your community where it is needed.

The challenge comes to you through this appeal and the enclosed brochure and membership application. If you have questions or suggestions please contact us further through this office or one of the committee members listed below. We shall look forward to receiving you as a member.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Most cordially,

Bernadine Fensterwald

Mrs. Bernard Fensterwald
Chairman Finance Committee

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Membership Inventory Questionaire, KAHRC

In meetings of the Council following the Spring workship Sessions with consultants from the Southern Regional Council, the development of a profile of the Knoxville Area in relation to the matter of school desegregation was given a high priority. Included in the Profile would be Public Officials, Law Enforcement Units and Personel, Newspaper, Radio and T.V. outlets and their personel, Community Leaders, Civic Clubs---in short, all the agencies and individuals whose actions, policy statements, and attitudes would have a bearing on the success or failure of integration in Knoxville.

In order that the Council be able to make profitable use of this profile when it is completed, channels of communications between the Council and the individuals and groups involved must be discovered and developed.

Here we need your help. Below are a series of questions whose answers will aid the Executive Committee in compiling and utilizing the resources for communication which are present among the Council members. Would you please fill out the questionaire and return in the enclosed envelope within the next three days? This information is need now so that the committee appointments for the coming year may be completed.

1. Please list below all organizations to which you belong.(Civic Clubs, Fraternal Orders, Professional Groups, Church, P.T.A., etc.)

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

2. Please indicate if you are an officer or committee head in any of these organizations, and give position.

3. Please list friends of yours who are officers or members of Civic Clubs, etc. through whom you might reach these organizations as a Council member.

4. Please list the Public officials, (including school administrators) that you know well enough to contact for the Council. Include here personel of law enforcement units.

5. Please list here other influencial people, not included in the above categories, with whom you work, have business, professional, or social relations that you could contact, either personally or through friends.

6. Are you acquainted with any members of the news agencies in the City? If so, please list.

7. Other suggestions for developing channels of information from the Council to Power Groups or individuals than those listed above.

Stanley Methodist Church
DODSON AND BLACKFORD STREETS
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607 DODSON AVENUE

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MADISON 2-8461

Mr. Paul M. Rilling,
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

It was sure nice to have you in our city a few days ago. I think you and Ed. helped the group as it seeks for maturity in many areas of program and purpose.

In a talk with members, I would say that you helped most at the point of helping us to more clearly see ourselves, our role, and our possible functions in this period of transition.

Let me thank you for coming and please find the check made as you suggested to take care of your expenses for the trip.

Very truly yours,

M. J. Jones

M. J. Jones

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March 10

The Rev. Will Campbell
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
National Council of Churches
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

The South Carolina Council has requested an ~~complete~~ interpretation of the Jim Lawson incident at Vanderbilt. They had invited Lawson to come to a meeting in Beaufort some time in the future, and are a little concerned about inviting a "controversial figure" to participate in their program there. I suspect they will go ahead with the arrangements but they would like to have some understanding of what is happening.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

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New South - mailing lists
State - Tennessee

April 16, 1957

Mr. Galen A. Martin
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

We have your new address and will keep in close touch with you. I was with Hy Lewis in New Orleans and he spoke very highly of you and his expectations for great things in Knoxville.

Best personal regards to you and the family.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee
April 9, 1957

Dear Friends:

I would like very much to be kept on as many of the SRC mailing lists as you will permit. The address indicated above should be used.

My home phone is 3-7873 and the home address is 109 Tulane Drive
Knoxville 14, Tennessee

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If you need to send mail to my home, plain envelopes might best be used for a while.

Please keep in touch with me.

Sincerely,

Galen Martin

Galen A. Martin

States? Tennessee or Kentucky?

April 16, 1957

Mr. Galen Martin
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

We have your letter addressed to Harold and me of April 15 asking about the state legal requirements of registration for organizations like the Tennessee Council.

At the time we requested this information, the Tennessee group had become inactive. We did not receive any reply from them regarding our letter of inquiry about such regulations. You might write Mrs. Molly Todd, 1489 Clairmont Place, Nashville, Tennessee, and ask her if the group actually did anything about this. I shall proceed to do the same.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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ENTERED APR 16 1957

Box 887
Knoxville, Tenn.
April 15, 1957

Dear Fred or Harold:

My first request for help here is that you share with me the information on Tennessee legal requirements which organizations like the Tennessee Council on Human Relations and my new setup here must comply with. No doubt this information was sent to you for Tennessee, as I sent it for Kentucky. If you could loan me whatever you have, I might have it copied.

I know that new laws have just been past and am getting the info on them from another source.

I just talked with Woods Beckman, who didn't know who tracked down the information for SRC on Tennessee.

For the record I am a Community Relations Consultant. I hope to be a Consultant to the Knoxville Joint Committee.

Sincerely,

Galen

Galen Martin

State - Tennessee

June 11, 1957

Mr. Galen Martin
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

Thanks for your note of June 10th. I am happy to hear that things are looking up in the Knoxville area. I think that there is the possibility of real improvement this fall in the whole tier of eastern counties.

I think your move to apply the Hill-Burton Act's provisions to serve all people in hospitals constructed with Federal funds is a wise move. It is always good to invoke the power of the Federal Government on the side of righteousness.

I will attend the meeting of the Tennessee Council in Nashville Saturday, June 15th. Are you coming over?

Regards to the family.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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Galen Martin
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KNOXVILLE AREA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

October 22, 1957 YWCA, Knoxville

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Miles, temporary chairman. Mrs. Ann Kennedy, Mr. Tom Ludwig, Mrs. David Stoloff, Mr. Harry Strauss, Mr. Francis Manis. Also present, Galen Martin.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without revision.

LETTER FROM UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Miles read the letter dated October 9 which she had received from USC. The essential points in the letter included the following:

1. USC is following closely and commends the progress made by the Council.

2. The resources of USC will continue to be available on the same informal basis.

3. The relationship to the Council should be reviewed by the end of the three-month period.

4. The professional individual should not be a member of the board of directors.

5. Professional personnel should be available to, in addition to the Council, other groups and organizations in the community.

There was full discussion of the letter and the general reaction was that real progress was being made in a difficult setup in which there were no precedents to fall back upon.

MSC That the temporary chairman should write a letter to USC which embodied the following points:

1. Thank USC for the services provided to the present.

2. Agreeing with a good share of the points made in the October 9 letter, particularly that which has to do with professional personnel made available by USC having a status other than that of board member. Full acceptance of the terms indicated by USC during the present three-months' review period, to December 15 of this year.

3. Suggesting that there be discussions on how and when it would be possible to develop a clear and positive formal relationship having some of the characteristics of the prevailing relationship but adding others which, in the opinion of the Council, would strengthen the way the Council would be able to carry out its objectives.

COMPLETION OF PLANS FOR GROUP MEETING OF OTHER ORGANIZATION CHAIRMEN:

A report was made on progress. The meeting will be held on October 24. Mr. Forrest Lacey of the U.T.Law College will review the legal implications of the desegregation suit filed against the Knoxville City Board of Education.

LETTER TO MINISTERS ON LITERATURE AND FILM LIST:

This is almost in final form and will be mailed out sometime soon.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter Committee. The October issue is almost ready and will probably be mailed out near the end of the month.

A proposed masthead for the newsletter was considered. It was decided to pend final decision until later.

Program Committee. There was extensive discussion on the function and the need for a program committee in our present organizational structure.

MSC That a program committee be established and that their functions will include the following:

1. Make recommendations on projects, short or long term, that should be considered in the on-going Council program.

2. Implement Council policy decisions on program. This means that the committee, once the program has been decided upon, will assist in carrying it out.

As with other committees, Galen Martin will assume staff responsibilities. The following board members agreed to serve on the program committee: Mrs. Stoloff, chairman, Mrs. Kennedy, and Mr. Ludwig.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m., YMCA

SPECIAL NOTE: The next meeting of the Council Board, January 21, at 7:30 at the YWCA will be devoted to the discussion and adoption of By-Laws. Please be certain to "get your lesson" by studying the draft by-laws and writing out proposals for alternative wording. Call 4-0357 or 8-8031 for copies of the draft.

Mrs. Dudley Moore of the Unitarian Service Committee will be present at this meeting.

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MSC That we accept the recommendation of the Unitarian Service Committee that Galen Martin assume the responsibility of staff secretary of the Council, with the understanding that he will be available to other groups in the community through the Council.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The following areas were covered in the Program Committee report:

a. Plan for the development of a meeting designed to preview films bearing on purposes of the Council and involving invitations to representatives of selected local groups, particularly those of church organizations. Consideration also might be given to inviting representatives of any organization that is planning activity in the human relations area, such as a Brotherhood Week program. The emphasis would be toward program chairmen of church organizations. The films would be discussed by competent leaders and the results, hopefully, would accelerate planning for use of the films by various local organizations.

b. Visits by Council Board members and others with School Board members. They would go as individuals, or in small groups, to learn more about the Board members' attitudes and positions and to give them information they might need. With such visits over a period of time, much could be learned and better liasion developed between individuals and School Board members.

c. Fact-finding desegregation inventory. This includes the listing of the laws related to desegregation.

d. Long-range blueprint for future of Council. This recommendation suggested that consideration be given to some type of long-range plan including such areas as ways and means of involving, if possible, members of the power structure in the community.

MSC That we accept the report and authorize the Program Committee to proceed with those projects which they determine to be manageable.

SPEAKERS BUREAU REPORT

Some progress has been made in gathering names of individuals who would be able and willing to speak. More discussion is needed and a preliminary plan includes first the development of topics and then matching of the topics with the speakers who are able to deal with the particular topic.

NEW MEMBER

MSC That Dr. Stewart Bacon be accepted as a member of the Board of Directors.

MSC That Rev. Sterling McHarg of Norris be invited to be a member of the Board of Directors.

OTHER BUSINESS

MSC That the Council accept the project of contacting the mayor re a citizens' advisory committee and give the project implementation.

The function of the Nominating Committee and various methods for selection of Board members were discussed at some length. The minutes of the meeting of August 8 were cited to show the agreed upon role of the Committee. It was moved but not carried that the function of the nominating committee concerning membership be transferred to the program committee.

MSC That the agenda for the next meeting be the discussion and adoption of by-laws.

It was agreed that the third Tuesday of each month would be the regular meeting night and that the next meeting would be January 21.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The Council will meet next on its regular meeting day, the third Tuesday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the YWCA at 420 W. Clinch.

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KNOXVILLE AREA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

January 21, 1958 YWCA, Knoxville

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Cecil Miles, Chairman, Rev. Lea Acuff, Mr. Herman Daves, Mr. Robert Delk, Mr. Harris Fowler, Mrs. Ann Kennedy, Mr. Forest Lacey, Rev. Sterling McHarg, Mr. Francis Manis, Mr. and Mrs. David Stoloff. Also, Mrs. Harris Fowler, Galen Martin, Mrs. Dudley Moore, USC.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE:

Mrs. Dudley Moore, Director, Department of Community Service-USA of the Unitarian Service Committee was welcomed. Mrs. Moore stated that she was glad to have the opportunity to meet with the Council. Her interest at this time was to get acquainted with Board members and learn as much as possible about how the group functions.

REPORT OF JANUARY 9 FILM FORUM:

The forum proved to be a successful experiment. About 18 individuals were present. Rev. Lea Acuff chaired the meeting and was aided in the discussion period by Lawrence Gangaware. The following films were shown:

A City Decides (story of integration in St. Louis schools)
The Broken Mask
High Wall

The last film is the only one available through U.T. Film Library. The others are obtainable through Council contacts. (ADL and other sources)

It was agreed that all three films have educational value and that they are suitable for church, civic, PTA groups, etc.

In the discussion period it was agreed that the Council's main service would probably be arranging for the obtaining and showing of the films upon request, with some organizations expected to pay the film rental costs where this seems to be indicated.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT:

Knoxville Board of Education Visitations. Progress has been made in defining purpose and obtaining Board members and other citizens of Knoxville to initiate soon a plan for direct contacts with Knoxville Board of Education members. Each Board member was asked to suggest possible "visitors".

Committee to Contact Mayor of Knoxville. A city official close to the Mayor has been approached about the idea of developing a Mayor's Advisory Committee on Human Relations. Information was received indicating that the Mayor might be sympathetic to such a development.

COUNCIL SPEAKERS AT OAK RIDGE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL:

At the request of the Oak Ridge Community Relations Council, two representatives of the Council, Francis Manis and Galen Martin, spoke at the January 15 meeting. The discussion period ended with a focus on ways that the two organizations could best work together. It was also announced by the Oak Ridge Council that Mrs. Charles Johnson of Fisk University would speak at their February meeting.

PROGRESS REPORT ON BLOUNT COUNTY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION:

Harris Fowler reported that representatives of the three Boards of Education in Blount County have been meeting with Association officers and the developments now include the following:

1. Although there will be planning interrelationships, because the problems in each of the three systems are different, each of the three Boards of Education will work with committees of the Blount County Improvement Association in discussing planning for integration.

2. The characteristics of the planning during the next two or three months will be particularly important.

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL WORKSHOP:

Barbara and David Stoloff represented the Council during the January workshop at Highlander Folk School for the purpose of discussing the future role of that School in the South. The session was reported to be a stimulating one.

FELLOWSHIP HOUSE UNITS FOR UNITY:

Review was made of the timing and content of the excellent Units for Unity series by Fellowship House beginning January 28. When copies of the Fellowship House newsletter about the programs were distributed, it was suggested that they be sent to all ministers and it was learned that this is being done.

BY-LAWS:

The group spent considerable time in discussing the best plan for organizational structure of the Council and gave some consideration to the mimeograph material previously prepared which outlined a rough draft of by-laws.

The question of membership and its relationship to a board of directors produced extensive discussion. It was decided that committee structure could not be developed until decision was made on the basic organizational structure.

MSC: That the chairman appoint a committee of three charged with the responsibility of reviewing the present organizational structure of the Council and recommending changes. The committee appointed included Mr. Stoloff, chairman, Rev. McHarg, and Mr. Manis.

Meeting Adjourned

NEWSLETTER

January 1958 Knoxville Area Human Relations Council Box 1011, Knoxville, Tenn.

HELP AVAILABLE TO LOCAL GROUPS FOR PLANNING BROTHERHOOD WEEK PROGRAMS

With the prelude being given by the "Units for Unity" series sponsored by Fellowship House, Knoxville church and civic groups are planning programs for Race Relations Sunday, February 9, and Brotherhood Week, February 16 to 22. The following local organizations are able and anxious to help other groups in planning group activities during this period as well as throughout the year.

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"KNOXVILLE SPEAKS ON LAW AND ORDER" FELLOWSHIP HOUSE "UNITS FOR UNITY" SERIES

Using the theme "Knoxville Speaks on Law and Order", the Knoxville Fellowship House will hold its most significant series of "Units for Unity" with sessions on January 28, February 4, and February 12. The 1958 program is the eighth annual "Units for Unity" series. All meetings will be held in the auditorium of Lawson-McGhee Library at 8 p.m.

The first meeting on January 28 features The Voice of Church and Civic Organizations. Speakers and their subjects will be:

Rev. T.J. Mattingly, pastor of First Christian Church and Vice President of Knoxville Ministerial Association, "What the Church can do to Promote Law and Order".

Leonard Hurley, president of the United Forces for Good Government, "What Civic Organizations Can do About Law and Order"

Moderator will be Rev. John Bull, rector of St. James Episcopal Church.

The meeting Tuesday, February 4, will present the Voice of Knox County. Speakers will be Mildred Doyle, County School Superintendent, "The Importance of Law and Order to Public Education"; and Paul Lilly, Sheriff of Knox County, "Requirements for Progressive Law Enforcement in Knox County".

Knox County Solicitor Earl Ailor will be moderator.

The Voice of Knoxville will be heard Wednesday, February 12, with the following speakers:

David Garrison, City Director of Public Safety, "Knoxville, A Law-Abiding City".

Leonard Rogers, President of Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, "The Importance of Law and Order to the Economic Welfare of Knoxville".

Moderator will be Dr. James A. Colston, President of Knoxville College and member of the City Planning Commission.

The Fellowship House newsletter, The Window, for January said, "The aim of 'Units for Unity" is to stimulate people to think and to ask questions, both of themselves and of others. It is not to tell people what to think or what to do--but to present the facts of human relations as these facts effect all members of the community."

NCCJ Sponsors Brotherhood Week

The National Conference of Christians and Jews sponsors the annual observance of Brotherhood Week and the Knoxville NCCJ Roundtable has an extensive program to promote brotherhood this February.

The NCCJ and the Knoxville Ministerial Association are co-sponsoring an essay contest with the cooperation of the public, private, and parochial schools in the city and county.

A prize is being offered for the best essay by a 10th, 11th or 12th grader on the theme: "My Brother and I--What Brotherhood Means to Me". A priest, a rabbi, and a minister will be judges for the contest which ends February 7.

The Knoxville Restaurant Association will cooperate in having small printed cards about brotherhood displayed on the tables in area restaurants.

The annual Brotherhood Awards Dinner will be held February 18, culminating with an award to a Knoxville Brotherhood leader.

The Roundtable has contacted ministers to encourage the observance of Brotherhood Week, and chairmen or program chairmen of civic groups to say that speakers can be provided on request to discuss brotherhood.

Group leaders desiring speakers or materials from the NCCJ Roundtable may contact Mrs. Stanley E. Levy, phone 8-4818.

Fellowship House Leaders Available

The Knoxville Fellowship House will be glad to help local groups plan programs for Brotherhood Week and other times throughout the year.

Fellowship House leaders have had experience over a period of years with the "Units for Unity" programs, and their annual integrated day camp, as well as providing speakers for local church and other groups on request.

Two members of the Day Camp staff have recently shown the movie of last summer's camp to church young people as a starting point for discussion of brotherhood and human relations.

For Fellowship House speakers and other assistance in planning programs call Mrs. Ruth Martin at 7-2939.

Council has Speakers, Films, Literature

The Knoxville Area Human Relations Council welcomes requests from community groups

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to save the South

Council Offers Help - Continued

interested in human relations and can provide speakers, films, literature and other assistance in planning effective programs.

The following films have been found particularly appropriate:

A City Decides 27½ min. The story of integration of the public schools in St. Louis, Missouri. It shows how the Board of Education, helped by many citizens and local organizations, carried out an effective policy, firmly and wisely.

The Broken Mask 28½ min. The story of two young college students, Paul and George, who become friends at a church summer camp and then realize how they can overcome the prejudice that keeps people apart. Produced for the National Council of Churches under the sponsorship of 12 denominations.

The Council can arrange the showing of these and other films as well as arrange speakers. For best scheduling, request films well in advance of showing date.

A complete list of Literature and Films on Human Relations available through the Council will be sent on request. Mrs. Willie Miles, phone 3-9781 and Galen Martin, Phone 4-0357, can be contacted or the coupon below mailed.

B'nai B'rith Lodge Can Help

Several prominent Knoxvillians are available as Brotherhood speakers upon request to B'nai B'rith. Dr. Harold Winston is president of the local group and can be called at 4-4986 for program help.

KNOXVILLE "FILM FORUM"

To help church and other organizational leaders in the planning of programs for Brotherhood Week, the Knoxville Area Human Relations Council held a Film Forum January 9.

Those in attendance chose to see "The High Wall", "A City Decides" and "The Broken Mask". As a result of these previews, all three films have been booked for showing to groups during February.

Rev. Lea Acuff was chairman of the meeting and Mr. Lawrence Gangaware helped during the discussion period. The meeting was held at the Lawson-McGhee Library.

The Council Program Committee is making plans for additional film forums which will each involve groups of about 24 people who are leaders and program planners for groups.

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RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED

Knoxville Area Human Relations Council
P.O. Box 1011, Knoxville 1, Tennessee

MAINTAINING SEGREGATION DESCRIBED AS PHONY POLITICAL ISSUE

State Senator Clifford Allen of Nashville has urged the candidates for Governor of Tennessee to avoid debate over segregation-integration as an issue which is phony to the campaign.

In a speech slated for delivery to the Cleveland Kiwanians, January 9, Mr. Allen declared that one of the greatest disservices any candidate could render would be to fan the flames of racial prejudice.

According to the Knoxville News-Sentinel, the Senator pledged that he would not "... kindle the spark of hatred and vengance in the heart of any man."

He said, "This is an election year, and I challenge the men and women who would become candidates...to talk sense to the people of Tennessee. I challenge each of them not to raise any phony issue in this election year...when there are so many real and vital problems which concern the welfare and future of our great state."

Mrs. Johnson Speaks in Oak Ridge

The Oak Ridge Community Relations Council will feature Mrs. Charles S. Johnson, wife of the late president of Fisk University, as speaker at their next meeting February 12, beginning at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Oak Ridge.

Methodist Church Presents Films

The congregation of the East Vine Avenue Methodist Church will view the films, "A City Decides" and "The Broken Mask" at their evening service for Race Relations Sunday, February 9.

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The Knoxville Area Human Relations Council is a group of citizens working toward the ideal of equal opportunity for all people in the area. If you would like to receive future issues of the Council Newsletter, or the complete list of Literature and Films available, fill out the form below and return to Box 1011, Knoxville, Tennessee.

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Request _____

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NEXT MEETING: The Council will meet next on its regular meeting day, the third Tuesday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the YWCA at 420 W. Clinch.

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been completed. The concensus of those participating was that there was a lack of clarity in purpose before the visits. Although accomplishments were not easily evaluated, there were probably values in going through the experience, if only to point up the necessity for specific purpose and terms of every project being clear to all involved.

Questions such as the following need to be answered before additional visits are made:

1) Is the action to be taken as an individual or as a Council member?
2) Is the major purpose to find out the position of the Board member?
3) Should there be any invitation to Board members and Superintendents of Schools to meet with Board members of the Council?

MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROJECT:

MSC that the Executive Committee assume responsibility for taking action in relationship to the Mayor's Advisory Committee project.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Chairman of the Program Committee suggested that the Board might want to discuss possible action to be taken in the following areas:

1. Hospitalization of Negro patients in Knoxville. At present, Negro patients are accepted only by U.T. hospital, and there are indications that problems are developing in services for Negro patients in that institution.

   It was suggested that possibly the Board might want to consider having representatives call upon Presbyterian and St. Mary's Hospitals. It was decided that the ramifications were such that more information was needed before it could be determined that any possible action by the Board would be constructive. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

2. Knoxville newspaper use of the word "Negro". Both papers have now fallen into the practice of using the word "Negro" in stories not dealing with race relations.

   It was thought that possibly an approach might be made to the publishers and editors of the newspapers. This matter was also referred to the Executive Committee.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

NEXT MEETING: The Council will meet next on its regular meeting day, the third Tuesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the YWCA at 420 Clinch. Mrs. Dudley Moore of the Unitarian Service Committee will be present.

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7. The following three key elements relate to implementing the concept of equal opportunity in schools and form action target for the next year:

a. Moral Awareness: to change community climate to get a more permissive atmosphere in which desegregation can be discussed naturally.

1. film forum (PTA, church, civic groups)
2. speaker's bureau
3. moral endorsement
4. newsletter

b. Positive city government and School Board approach

1. Mayor's advisory committee
2. getting information into hands of above committee and School Board members--sending well informed people

c. Skillful and firm enforcement

1. reach Police departments through
   a. Persons in United Christian forces
   b. Mayor's advisory committee
   c. Individual police officers

2. action of civic groups--pay transportation to mob violence school.

3. inservice training for police (FBI)

8. Committees:

	Chairmen:
a. Council workshop (see 3 above)	Mrs. Barbara Stoloff
b. Membership (to obtain new Board members)	Mrs. Ann Kennedy
c. Survey of Knoxville progress in desegregation	Rev. Sterling McHarg
d. Film Forum and Speaker's Bureau	Rev. Lea Acuff
e. Newsletter	Henry Morse
f. Skillful and Firm Law Enforcement (aiming at action target 4(c) and also to obtain information from the experiences in Nashville and other cities and to supply such information to local police to encourage preparation for strong enforcement.)	Forrest Lacey

MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Information has been received indicating that the Mayor has been approached and has now stated that he believes things are going along satisfactorily and sees no present need for the development of a Mayor's Advisory Committee.

MINUTES--THE WAY WRITTEN MINUTES OF MEETINGS ARE TO BE USED:

Because of lack of previous clarification, there was discussion of the need to form a policy which would apply to the way material is to be included in the written minutes of our meetings. The discussion also covered release rights and restrictions placed on Board members.

MSC That the minutes of each Council meeting be a complete record of everything which is discussed and that Board members have a right to use their own discretion in releasing all information that is not designated in the minutes as Confidential, and it will be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to authorize the release of material described as Confidential.

NEW MEMBERS:

MSC That the following individuals be accepted as members of the Council's Board of Directors:

Henry Morse
James Dodd
Mrs. Harris Fowler

REPORTS OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:

Copies of the three-page current draft of the by-laws of the Council were distributed for discussion.

MSC That the By-Laws be adopted as of March 18, 1958, with the following revisions:

1. Article II, first sentence to read: "The general purpose of the Council is to work toward the ideal of equal opportunity for people of all races, nationalities, religions, and creeds."

2. Article VI, Officers, first sentence in first paragraph to read: "There shall be a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer."

3. Paragraph 6, add this sentence: "Financial records of the Council will be audited annually."

BUDGET:

Galen Martin reported the money available for the newsletters, film rentals, literature and other area programmatic activities and outlined the need for Council members to volunteer to help with preparing the newsletter, mailing and other such activities.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Galen Martin reported the following as among those requesting the Newsletter and literature lists recently:

a high school principal, a city school superintendent, a Knoxville Rabbi, the Atlanta Urban League office, and the South Carolina Council on Human Relations.

Rev. Acuff distributed brochures announcing the United Preaching Mission scheduled for March 23 - 28 in Knoxville. He pointed out that no publicity is being given to the fact that this is an interracial activity. He also indicated that civic clubs have responded very well to backing the Mission and felt that the Mission will contribute in many ways to the underlying purposes of the Council.

Announcements were made about the February 28 meeting at Unitarian Church at which time Wilma Dykeman and James R. Stokely will speak, and the May 2, 3, and 4 Workshop on"Community Services and Segregation" to be held at Highlander Folk School.

It was also announced that 100 extra copies of the February-March Newsletter will be distributed to selected faculty personnel at U.T. The appropriateness of this action is related to a reprint of a news report from Florida with the lead line, "Florida University Faculty Lecturer Condemns Segregation."

Copies of the last two Newsletters with the covering letter by Rev. Lea Acuff will be sent to all the 385 ministers listed in the City Directory.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

BY-LAWS

of

THE KNOXVILLE AREA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Adopted March 18, 1958

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization is the Knoxville Area Human Relations Council. It will hereinafter be referred to as the Council.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The general purpose of the Council is to work toward the ideal of equal opportunity for people of all races, nationalities, religions, and creeds. The Council carries on a fact-finding, communication, and educational program and is dedicated to equal justice in a true brotherhood of man.

ARTICLE III

Operational Scope

The Council is an independent, autonomous organization with all policy formulation being the responsibility of its governing body.

Within the available resources of the Council, staff and materials will be shared with interested organizations, groups, and individuals whose purposes are consistent with those of the Council.

ARTICLE IV

Geographical Scope

The term "Knoxville Area" is meant to include counties in East Tennessee which either border or are in the vicinity of Knox County.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors of the Knoxville Area Human Relations Council, consisting of 50 representative members of the communities served by the Council, is the governing body of the Council.

2. When the Board consists of 50 members, it will be the duty of the Housekeeping Committee to re-evaluate the possibilities of: a) raising the ceiling on the size of the Board, b) decreasing the size of the Board and creating a general membership classification or, c) eliminating the Board and substituting general membership for Board designation.

3. The Board of Directors shall exercise the following functions:
   A. Elect officers
   B. Approve the yearly program as developed by the Executive Committee.

C. Approve changes in the program.
D. Approve all projects developed by the Executive Committee.
E. Receive Committee reports.

4. Any member of the Council who is absent for more than one third of the meetings during the program year, when such absences are not excused or explained, may at the discretion of the Board of Directors be deemed to have resigned from the Council.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

1. There shall be a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary and a treasurer. One person may hold two offices, except the chairman, who shall not serve in any other capacity.

The duties of the officers shall be the usual duties of such officers in corporations in Tennessee.

The vice-chairman will assist the chairman in the performance of such duties as may be designated and shall serve as chairman of the Housekeeping Committee.

In the absence of the chairman, his responsibilities will become the respective responsibilities of the vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer, in that order.

The secretary shall be responsible for keeping written minutes of all meetings. Such minutes will be the official records of the Council and will be on file at the headquarters of the Council.

The treasurer shall be custodian of and will receive and disburse any funds which may come under the authority of the Council and shall serve as chairman of the Finance Committee. He shall make periodic reports, at least annually, on the financial condition of the Council. Financial records of the Council will be audited annually.

2. The officers of the Council will be elected by the Board of Directors. The officers shall serve one year terms and be eligible for re-election. The officers shall hold their offices from July 1 through June 30 or until their successors are elected and qualify.

ARTICLE VII

Quorum

For all meetings of the Council, one-third (1/3) of the Board membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

1. The annual meeting of the Council shall be held in the month of May of each year.
2. The Council shall hold meetings at such time and place as it shall decide, with regular meetings held monthly except during the months of July and August.
3. Special meetings of the Council will be called by the chairman or secretary upon request of the chairman or three members of the Board. Notices of special meetings will contain the purpose of the meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Committees

1. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the officers and all committee chairmen. The duties of this committee shall be:

   A. To develop a yearly program and targets for the Council in terms of the goals stated in these by-laws.

   B. To suggest in detail the projects which will comprise this program.

   C. To evaluate projects.

   D. To carry on the business of the Council between Board meetings.

   E. To regulate the use of staff services.

2. The chairman shall appoint a Membership Committee to perform the following duties:
   A. Develop procedures for adding new members.
   B. Seek new members
   C. Recommend potential members
   D. Nominate officers at least one month prior to the annual meeting.

3. The treasurer shall serve as chairman of the Finance Committee, which committee shall work out ways and means for developing the financial resources of the Council.

4. The vice-chairman shall serve as chairman of the Housekeeping Committee, which committee shall have the following duties:

   A. The handling of all personnel matters of an administrative nature.
   B. The periodic re-evaluation of the by-laws

5. In addition to the standing committees, the chairman shall appoint project committees to carry out projects and duties of both short and long term natures. Such committees shall cease to exist 1) upon completion of the project or duties or 2) should the committee not meet for a period of three consecutive months.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Council or in any special meeting called for that purpose by a 2/3 vote when a quorum is present.

Proposals for amendments must be presented to the secretary and communicated to the Board of Directors at least 15 days before either the regular meeting of the Board of Directors or a special meeting.

NEWSLETTER

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SURVEY SHOWS NASHVILLE DESEGREGATION WORKING SMOOTHLY

A survey by Southern School News of desegregation in Nashville public schools disclosed it has worked smoothly and without incident with the exception of the opening day disturbances. Nashville School Superintendent W. H. Oliver told reporter Wallace Westfeldt, "I have just finished visiting each one of the desegregated schools to see how things were going and I found everything going along nicely. The Negro students are well treated and apparently happy."

Parents' Attitudes

Interviews with parents of the nine Negro children disclosed complete satisfaction with the manner in which their children were being treated in the schools.

Interviews with a cross-section of parents of white children supported the statement of a white woman principal that while many have accepted the change, there has been no change in attitude "deep down inside" them. And their acceptance of desegregation in the schools their children attend ranged from what might be called a passive attitude to one of extreme bitterness.

"There was some evidence that one or two of the Negro children may be lonely at times, but outside of that, they appeared no different from any other students in their behavior", Oliver said.

(For details of the Nashville story, see Southern School News, February and March.)

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Lecturer Condemns Segregation - Continued

at the College of Law auditorium, Dr. Patrick said,"any victory which the segregationists may win will be temporary."

The Columbia, S.C., native, on the instructional staff at the University since 1940, traced the history of the Negro in the South in his talk before approximately 150 persons, five of which were Negroes.

Dr. Ralph E. Page, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, introduced Dr. Patrick who received applause after his speech.

Patrick said the Negro has "always been limited by law, custom, or public opinion from realizing his full potential," and added, "Neither on legal nor moral grounds should we deny opportunity to citizens because of race."

He said the "South did establish the caste system and make the Negro a second class citizen, but she succeeded only because of the tacit consent of the rest of the nation and the powers of Western Europe. That situation is changed today."

Patrick told his audience that under these circumstances the "hope for the South is calm and reasoned deliberation to meet a difficult but not unsolvable problem. For too long the Negro has been held in the caste system.

"That system cannot endure with a majority of the nation and of the world in opposition to it."

Earlier Patrick criticized moderates who failed to criticize extremists after the U.S. Supreme Court's May 15, 1954 decision which declared itself against enforced segregation.

In contending that racial problems in the South since 1954 have meant an "immediate economic loss" because of companies locating in non-segregated areas to avoid economic boycotts by southern whites, Patrick claimed that "we pay, and pay dearly for segregation."

He said an even greater danger than the economic loss was the attempts to limit education, and said some individuals take pride in advocating the closing of "those dearly won schools."

He said in the world today, the United States "cannot afford to relax in her training of humanists, scientists and social scientists."

(From The Sun, Gainesville, Fla.,January 8,1958)

"THE BIBLE SPEAKS ON RACE"

The Nashville published Adult Student for February, used by local Methodist Sunday School classes, reports this conclusion reached by the Board of Social and Economic Relations of the Methodist Church: "If one reads the Bible as a whole, it becomes unmistakably clear that God is seeking to heal the divisions in humanity caused by human sin and to bring all peoples of the earth into a community ... (where) barriers of every sort are abolished or transcended."

The article quotes biblical passages to show that all nations of men have a common origin; that God shows no partiality; that the Church is called to unit all peoples; and that "Each member of the Church is summoned by God to work where he is toward overcoming misunderstandings and antagonisms that men may dwell together in unity."

Several Bible passages which have been misused are quoted and explained in their proper context as supporting the brotherhood of man.

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P-T.A. FILM SHOWING

P-TA members from Belle Morris, Christenberry, McCampbell and Fulton High Schools attended a Parent Education Study Course from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Washington Pike Methodist Church February 19 and 26.

Mrs. Kenneth Kennedy presented the program. On February 26, Lawrence Gangaware, chief social worker with Mental Health Center, showed the film, The High Wall and then led a discussion of it.

The High Wall is a 32-minute long film which shows how parents unwittingly instill prejudice in their children. It is often used as a basis for discussions on the ethics emphasized in religious teaching and on intergroup relations.

Groups interested in showing this film may request arrangements through the Knoxville Area Human Relations Council.

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NEXT MEETING: The Council will meet next on its regular meeting day, the third Tuesday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the YWCA at 420 Clinch.

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KNOXVILLE AREA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

April 15, 1958 YWCA, Knoxville

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rev. Lea Acuff, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Fowler, Mr. Forrest Lacey, Mr. Francis Manis, Mr. Henry Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Stoloff.

Staff Secretary: Galen Martin

Visitors: Mrs. Chris Benson, Mr. Nick Kurko, Mr. and Mrs. Poele, Courtney Schill, and Mrs. Dudley Moore.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with one revision. The wording of section 7c (2) on page 2 was changed to read "...mob violence prevention school".

REVIEW OF COUNCIL HISTORY:

For the benefit of new members and visitors, Mr. Manis reviewed background material related to the development of the Council. This was designed to provide information which would orient new board members and prospective board members to the purposes for which the Council was established and the way it carries out its program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Membership

The Committee has started a drive to increase the membership in the Board of Directors and has developed a plan for contacts which will be continued until Board membership totals 50. We are now at the point where we have 24 members.

The Committee also presented the following slate for officers to be voted on during the May meeting and to hold offices for the year beginning July 1:

Chairman: Rev. Lea Acuff
Vice-Chairman: Rev. J. David Kelley
Secretary; Rev. Sterling McHarg
Treasurer: Mrs. Barbara Stoloff

The floor was opened for nominations for each of the above offices but no additional nominations were received.

2. Workshop

This Committee has met with John Hope, Consultant, Southern Regional Council and the Unitarian Service Committee, for the purpose of planning the workshop and setting a date.

Here are the planning features:

The Workshop will be held from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, with a dinner meeting on Friday, May 9, for discussion chairmen.

The Workshop is designed to meet the developing educational needs of Council Board members. Tentatively, it will concern itself with the following two main areas related to desegregation:

a) Public officials.
b) Education of the public.

Two consultants from Southern Regional Council will probably be available.

The consultants have requested that Board members forward questions to be considered in the Workshop to the staff secretary of the Council before the end of the month. These will in turn be forwarded to the consultants.

3. Desegregation Survey

Galen Martin distributed draft copies of currently available material on the Knoxville Desegregation Survey. Additional work is required in finishing the survey and the assistance of Board members is requested. (Copies of the DRAFT are enclosed for those not at the meeting.)

4. Film Forum and Speakers' Bureau

Additional information has been obtained about the problems in gaining access to P-TA groups. It has been determined that many local P-TA groups have restricted discussion in the area of human relations because of their understanding that the central P-TA organization has suggested the exclusion of this area for discussion purposes. The Committee believes that there may be a possibility of approaching some P-TA's by dealing primarily with the area of mental health and its relationship to problems of race and religion.

There have been recent discussions with Rev. Overton, the new chairman of the Human Relations Committee of the Knoxville Ministerial Association and John A. Fletcher. Contacts have been made with D. A. Cooper, President of the Association of Evangelical Churches of Greater Knoxville, and Rev. Ted Witt.

Rev. Ted Witt of the United Christian Forces and others have given indications that the political implications of this organization make it extremely difficult to deal with the human relations problems in the community.

The March United Preaching Mission in the Knoxville Area was very effective, with almost all of the speakers giving some emphasis to the proper approach in the human relations field.

It has been additionally determined that civic groups and organizations are not yet ready to accept speakers or films in the area of human relations. A small group is in the process of planning an interracial civic club.

5. Newsletter

Beginning next month, Mr. Henry Morse will assume the editorship of the Newsletter. He will be looking to Board members to take on the

responsibility of becoming committee members and assisting in the development of the monthly Newsletter.

6. Skillful Law Enforcement

Due to the newness of this Committee, report will be made at a later date.

7. Hospital Admissions

Galen Martin reported that new information has come to light which indicates that when the new building (ground to be broken soon) of the Presbyterian Hospital is completed, decision has already been reached that Negro patients will be accpeted. The implications of this information in relationship to the Knoxville hospital that now accepts Negro patients (U.T.) and those hospitals that do not now accept Negro patients (St. Mary's and Baptist) were discussed and it was MSC'd to refer the matter to the Executive Committee for their recommendation as to action to be taken by the Council.

(One of the speakers at the Oak Ridge Community Relations Council meeting April 22 said publicly that Presbyterian Hospital would accept Negro patients when its building is completed. This is an authoritative source which should be used ahead of that available at Council meeting time.)

COUNCIL DUES:

After discussion, it was decided that the Treasurer-in-nomination would be asked to obtain information related to the possibility of establishing dues for Board members of the Council, as well as making a recommendation at the next meeting of the Council on a suggested budget for the next year and the steps to be taken to raise the required funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. There was general discussion of the present status of the suit against the Knoxville Board of Education. There is no new information and it seems clear that Judge Taylor will be involved with other matters on his docket during at least the next two months.

2. Brief report was made on the consultative work accomplished by Galen Martin and Francis Manis in meeting with a small group of Blount County women who are interested in learning more about the problems in race relations and who had their interest stimulated by Mrs. Ben Russell of the Presbyterian Church, who recently conducted a workshop for Maryville's St. John's Methodist and Alcoa's First Methodist Churches on "Christ, the Church, and Race."

MEETING ADJOURNED.

NEWSLETTER

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April 1958 Knoxville Area Human Relations Council Box 1011, Knoxville, Tennessee

RULING DELAYED ON NASHVILLE TWELVE-YEAR PLAN

Same Proposal Rejected Elsewhere

Federal Judge William E. Miller of Nashville has delayed a ruling on the latest plan of the Nashville Board of Education which would extend for twelve years the process of Nashville's compliance in all grades with the Supreme Court ruling requiring an end to compulsory segregation with "all deliberate speed".

Witnesses testifying for the Board supported a plan which would begin desegregation in Nashville's second grade this fall and in the other grades over a ten year period.

On the other side, witnesses for the parents of Negro students contended there would be less trouble and disturbance by immediate desegregation than by taking it one year at a time.

Judge Miller allowed a total of 24 days for filing of briefs and answers. The Nashville Tennessean reported that it will likely be "sometime after mid-May before a decision is issued in the case."

No Twelve-Year Plan Approved

A check of other court actions involving school desegregation indicates that no plan of spreading the process of desegregation in all grades over 12 years has been approved by the Courts.

A similar 12-year plan offered by the Board of Education of Hopkins County, Kentucky was rejected in September of 1956. The United States District Court, Western District, Kentucky, rejected the Hopkins County 12-year plan.

Not "All Deliberate Speed"

Judge Brooks of that Court said, "I have stated earlier that I do not feel that the 12-year plan is moving with all deliberate speed which under the law we are required to do. Not only are the Courts required to apply the law, but as citizens all of us are required to abide by it."

According to the Race Relations Law Reporter, the Hopkins County Board presented an amended plan on January 25, 1957, providing for the completion of integration over a period of four years.

At the February 1957 hearing on the 4-year plan, the Court disapproved that plan and directed that desegregation of the schools be completed by the beginning of the September 1957 school term.

Part of the ruling included these words, "...it has been definitely held by the Federal Courts that community psychological unreadiness for racial integration is no basis to continue non-compliance with the constitutional law of the United States."

In overruling the four-year plan, Judge Brooks relied on the decision of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals which had rejected a four-year plan for Memphis State and other Tennessee State Colleges. The Judge said, "...this Court is bound and guided by the law of the Sixth Circuit."

The Court of Nashville Federal Judge Miller is also in the Sixth Circuit.

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WORDS FOR THOUGHT

The March, 1958 issue of the Southern Regional Council's New South reprints an article by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., which was previously published in the "Presbyterian Outlook".

We have space for only two excerpts from the article by Rev. King and have selected these:

"This is the ultimate tragedy of segregation. It not only harms one physically, but it injures one spiritually. It scars the soul and distorts the personality. It inflicts the segregator with a false sense of superiority, while inflicting the segregated with a false sense of inferiority..."

"...It may well be that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition is not the glaring noisiness of the so-called bad people, but the appalling silence of the so-called good people. It may be that our generation will have to repent not only for the diabolical actions and vitriolic words of the children of darkness, but also for the crippling fears and tragic apathy of the children of light"...

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MOORELAND P-TA SEES FILM

The Mooreland Heights P-TA viewed The High Wall at their meeting April 24.

Dr. Lawrence Gangaware, chief psychiatric social worker at the Mental Health Center, presented and explained the film.

The High Wall is being seen by P-TA and other groups to understand mental health problems and the ways prejudice is instilled in children. Arrangements for showing this and other films can be made through the Knoxville Area Human Relations Council.

NORTH CAROLINA CITY MOVES AHEAD

In a recent meeting, a community worker in Winston-Salem reported the following accomplishments during the year 1957 in that city, all of which took place without mass meetings, presentations of petitions, filing cases in court, incidents of importance, or arrests:

A new coliseum was opened on a desegregated basis.

The golf course is now open to all.

The stadium seating is now desegregated.

The "white" and "colored" water fountain signs have been removed in all public buildings.

The baseball park was desegregated.

Sears and Roebuck removed their water fountain signs.

City buses were desegregated.

The Winston-Salem School Board decided to begin desegregating the schools.

The Food Fair stores hired Negro women as cashiers.

Upon request, the City Manager ordered the removal of jim crow signs from all public buildings.

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PAT BOONE ON SEGREGATION

Nashville born Pat Boone, popular singer, while participating in a Mike Wallace interview gave Tennessee teen-agers and others something to think about when he responded in this way to a question on how he felt about segregation:

> "It sickens me. I'm a Southerner from Tennessee, but I can never remember a time that I felt that somebody was beneath me because he was a Negro".

(Quoted directly from MIKE WALLACE ASKS column in New York Post, Dec. 11, 1957)

METHODIST CHURCHES STUDY "CHRIST, THE CHURCH AND RACE"

St. John's Methodist Church of Maryville joined with First Methodist Church of Alcoa in a Women's Society of Christian Service study course on "Christ, the Church, and Race" held recently.

With the leadership of Mrs. Jean Russell of Greeneville, Tennessee, the Methodist women studied human relations and made a survey in their communities to learn of conditions which might not be apparent to most people.

The participants saw the movie, The Broken Mask, and studied books including Prejudice and Your Child and Neither Black Nor White.

STOKELEYS SPEAK

Speaking on "The South Since 1954", Mr. and Mrs. James R. (Wilma Dykeman) Stokeley, recently told more than 160 Knoxville area people of their experiences in gathering material for their book Neither Black Nor White.

Under the sponsorship of the Fellowship House of Knoxville and the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church, the authors presented the wide range of opinions they found regarding developments in the South following the U.S. Supreme Court decision against segregation. They told of their travels throughout 15 southern states.

LEADER TO VISIT KNOXVILLE

Rev. James Lawson, a Methodist minister now serving as southern field representative of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, will speak at the Knoxville College Chapel Service at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 7.

For a few days following that service, Rev. Lawson will be available to meet with individuals and groups in the Knoxville area. He is a graduate of Oberlin College and was a teacher in India for two years.

"SEGREGATION COSTS"

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a reprint from The Wall Street Journal of an article entitled "Segregation Costs". It provides timely reading for the many Knoxvillians who want new industry attracted to help solve the growing unemployment problem which faces the area. Extra copies can be requested from the Council.

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Segregation Costs

Dixie Firms Find Them More of a Burden as Racial Tension Grows

Whites Block Scripto Plant; Dual Facilities Hike Cost Of Greyhound Stations 50%

Seeing the Shows in Chicago

By CAL BRUMLEY
Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Businessmen in the South are feeling new twinges of pain from a chronic economic sore —the cost of doing business in a segregated society.

Each new incident of racial conflict, whether it's over school integration in Little Rock, bus segregation in Tallahassee, Fla., or Negroes' right to vote in Tuskegee, Ala., sharpens the pains that are hitting a growing number of Dixie businessmen in the pocketbook.

Southern businesses cope with a number of segregation-caused costs and inconveniences unknown in other parts of the nation. For example, facilities, especially in the service trades, often must be duplicated to uphold regional racial mores. Manufacturers planning new plants may have to reject good sites because of white residents' objections to Negro workers nearby. Many Southern cities must forego revenue from conventions of "mixed" delegates. And many regional retailers, especially in cities where there have been race flareups, watch former Negro customers take their business elsewhere in retaliation against discrimination.

"Segregation Is Costly"

"More and more of us are realizing that segregation has inherent costs, aside from the direct tax cost of maintaining duplicate public facilities, such as schools, for whites and Negroes," says the owner of a Jacksonville, Fla., printing plant.

Few businesses in the South are free of some economic effects of the racial upheaval. Negro consumers and laborers make up a big share of the Southern market, of course. More than 20% of the population in 13 Southern and border states is Negro; in one out of five counties of the Deep South, Negroes make up 40% or more of the population.

Besides the tax burden of providing separate public facilities, private businessmen also must shoulder the expense of building and maintaining duplicate facilities for their own businesses.

For an idea of how extensive and how expensive duplication is, stroll through the imposing new buff and blue Greyhound Bus Corp. terminal opened this year in downtown Jacksonville.

May Cost 50% More

Just inside the main entrance is a doorway leading to the Negro waiting room. Beyond it on the other side of a full wall, is a white waiting room. A recent inspection showed 11 Negroes scattered among the 35 seats in their waiting room; behind the wall, 36 whites sat among 47 seats reserved for them.

Above a stairway to the second floor a large neon sign points the way to the rest rooms. At one end of the hall are two identical doors. One is labeled "White Men Only," the other, "Colored Men Only." Duplicate lounges for women also are provided.

But duplication doesn't end with separate waiting rooms and rest rooms. There are two restaurants in the terminal; one seats about 100 whites, the other takes care of 24 nonwhites. And lest the races brush elbows over a martini, separate cocktail lounges also are provided for bus patrons.

The terminal cost $760,000, including furniture and fixtures. Precise figures on how much of this represents duplicate facilities are unavailable but Vance Greenslit, president of Southeastern Greyhound Lines, notes: "It frequently costs 50% more to build a terminal with segregated facilities." Where the bus system goes "south of the Ohio River you naturally run into segregation in terminals," he adds.

"We Play It by Ear"

The total cost of observing the color line obviously can be considerable to a business such as Greyhound. The company plans to pour nearly $7 million into new terminals in the South in a five-year building program.

Many companies, such as Greyhound, must duplicate facilities to keep within local and state laws. Actually, segregation of passengers in railroad and bus terminal waiting rooms used only for interstate passengers violates a 1955 Interstate Commerce Commission order. But most terminals also handle intrastate passengers and integration in these terminals would be against the laws of many Southern cities and states.

"On building and operating our terminals, we play it by ear," says Greyhound's Mr. Greenslit. "We conform with everybody's customs and everybody's law. We try to do this even if the laws conflict. Don't ask me how we manage it, but we do."

Duplication extends to other sectors of business, of course. Oil companies or private individuals planning to put up service stations in Dixie normally must figure in as part of their costs the building of separate rest rooms for white and non-white customers.

And manufacturers, considering establishment of Southern plants, must count on building separate locker rooms, cafeterias, drinking fountains and washroom facilities if they are to employ both whites and Negroes.

Scripto Expansion Frustrated

But the expense of duplicating facilities is only the most obvious cost of segregation. Many other frustrations bother businessmen. Sometimes they are forced to abandon plans, or at least modify them drastically.

Consider Scripto, Inc., and the frustrated expansion plans of this Atlanta-based company, a large maker of pens and automatic pencils.

Scripto purchased a site of about 40 acres in Atlanta for erection of a proposed $1.5 million new plant. The site was in an uncongested area and had been zoned for industrial use for 28 years.

Scripto's plans were blocked when white people in a nearby residential area objected to the project because large numbers of Negro employes would have to pass through the white area on their way to and from work. Under pressure from white citizens, city officials rezoned the area to residential, thereby excluding the new factory, although Scripto offered to plant a 140-foot buffer zone of trees between the proposed plant and the nearest houses.

"We lost $41,000 because we had to sell the property for less than we paid for it," says Charles Lovejoy, Scripto's executive vice president. There also were undetermined costs: "We don't know how much the litigation and lost time cost us," he adds. Scripto, after a long delay, finally managed to expand its facilities in a congested area, predominantly Negro in population.

"Don't Want Negroes Around"

For another illustration of a businessman's plans being stymied by those wishing to preserve separation of the races, look at this case history:

Recently the owner of a building in Atlanta rented a loft to a small garment manufacturer. When the landlord learned the clothing manufacturer intended to hire Negroes he cancelled the lease, delaying establishment of the business which would have employed about 40 people.

According to an attorney for the manufacturer, the landlord said: "I just don't want Negroes hanging around, they won't do the neighborhood any good." The attorney goes on: "The landlord persisted in his belief even after we showed him that all our employes were high calibre people."

When a concern must abandon a plant site or build separate dining areas and washrooms in its factories, the costs of segregation are quite clear. But there are many other costs, both to businessmen and to the South as a whole, that aren't so obvious. Many are difficult to root out and are something businessmen prefer not to discuss.

"This question is dynamite. Don't even say what state I'm in," says the president of a chain of Southern motion picture theatres when asked about extra costs involved in such practices as providing separate entrances and ticket windows for Negro theatre goers.

Effect on New Industry

One cost that is difficult to estimate is the forfeiting of new industry because of racial tension. W. Cooper Green, Alabama Power Co.'s vice president for industrial development, gives some idea of the difficulty of telling whether increased racial tension since Little Rock has discouraged new industry:

"We've been working with 75 prospects," says Mr. Green. "If any of them are holding back on the integration-segregation issue, I don't think they'd tell us. If the news ever leaked out it would be very bad publicity for them in the South where they have customers."

Occasionally a clear-cut example of loss of industry does come up.

Recently, the industrial development board of a small Georgia town persuaded a clothing manufacturer to locate a plant in the community. Citizens were congratulating themselves on plucking this half-million-dollar annual payroll plum, (the plant would employ over 200 people), until they learned the manufacturer expected to hire Negroes exclusively.

When this news leaked out, the welcome mat was jerked back and the company had to look for another location.

"Hidden" Costs

Although Southern industrial recruiters minimize racial tension as a factor in plant location, there's evidence that Yankee companies looking southward are paying more attention to "hidden" costs of segregation.

Alabama Power's Mr. Green recalls, "One company asked me if they'd have to build separate facilities if they located in Montgomery. I said yes. They replied, 'That would cost us more, wouldn't it?' "

Not only are new plants sometimes lost because of segregation, but hotel and convention business also suffers. Many national groups of business and professional people, embracing both white and Negro members, refuse to hold conventions where the color line is rigid.

After a convention in Atlanta two years ago, for example, the executive council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science voted against meeting again where segregation is practiced. Other groups avoid other Southern cities for the same reason.

Retailers Hard Hit

Retailers in many Southern cities have been among the businessmen hardest hit by inflamed racial feelings. Negroes' reluctance to trade with Southern white merchants extends far beyond such organized and highly-publicized boycotts as those that have cropped up in Tuskegee, Montgomery, Tallahassee and Orangeburg, S. C.

"Nearly everyone I know would rather order by mail than set foot in those snooty downtown stores," sniffs an Atlanta Negro housewife.

J. Arthur Brown, a Negro real estate and insurance broker in Charleston, S. C., asserts, "We buy 35% to 40% of our clothing and things for the house by mail order from Northern stores." Asked why, he replies, "Store clerks aren't as courteous to us as we would expect."

Indicative of the seriousness of Negro boycotts is the program one of the South's largest department stores has instituted. The store has a special section on "courtesy to Negroes" in its personnel training program and a special snack bar for hungry Negro shoppers, both of which add to the business' overhead.

Turnabout Boycott

Boycotts can work both ways, of course. Eyeing the Negro trade, one Jacksonville department store planned to hire Negro clerks. "The store backed out when word got around because it was afraid it would lose more white trade than it would gain from the Negroes," says an intermediary who was helping arrange the proposed Negro employment.

Segregation economics also turns up in the entertainment field.

"The colored galleries in our theatres are seldom as full as the white sections," says the president of a Southern chain of about 50 movie houses. "We are thinking right now about closing the colored gallery in one city so we can sell the seats to whites on busy weekends." (In the South, particularly in rural areas where there are few theatres, Negroes are seated in a gallery, or balcony, and whites are seated on the main floor.)

North for Movies

Interviews with Negroes back up the theatre president's report on declining Negro business.

"I haven't been to a picture show down here in 16 years," says an Atlanta Negro businessman. "Negro theatres usually have third or fourth run pictures so I don't go there. And I'm not going downtown and pay to be insulted." Another Negro says, "I usually go to New York or Chicago once or twice a year on business and always stay over three or four extra days to see some pictures and have myself a time."

Some Southern banks also are wary of the color line. "We restrict our advertising in Negro newspapers and on Negro radio because we don't want too many Negro customers," says a spokesman for a large Southern bank. "It wouldn't do if there were too many Negroes in our lobby."

NEXT MEETING: The Council will meet next on its regular meeting day, the third Tuesday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m., at the YWCA at 420 Clinch.

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KNOXVILLE AREA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

May 20, 1958 YWCA, Knoxville

Present: Mesdames Stoloff, Martin, Cascante, and Kennedy; and Messrs. McHarg, Acuff, Lacey, Harvey, and Martin.

Reverend Acuff chaired the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Miles, chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as mimeographed.

Mrs. Kennedy, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for election:

President - Reverend Lea Acuff
Vice-President - Reverend David Kelley
Secretary - Reverend McHarg
Treasurer - Mrs. Barbara Stoloff

Mr. Lacey moved that nominations be closed; the motion was seconded and passed. The slate was unanimously accepted.

A report of the morning session of the Human Relations Workshop of May 10 was given by Mrs. Kennedy, in which Mrs. Valien and Mr. Hope, Fisk University, and Mr. Routh, Atlanta, participated.

Mrs. Stoloff reported the following suggestions which came out of the Workshop:

1. The possibility of getting other groups to sponsor a workshop for policemen. (Mr. Routh emphasized the importance of knowing what other law enforcement organizations there are, such as state, auxiliary, county, etc., and finding out who their leaders are.)

2. Listing radio stations, newspapers, and their leaders, with the idea that Council members might enlist their support.

3. This listing might be the beginning of the development of a community profile. (Mr. McHarg suggested that each Council member list all the organizations to which he belongs.)

4. The need for continuing to keep the School Board informed, both as individuals and as a group.

Reverend Acuff informed the Council that a new bi-racial group called the Knoxville Men's Fellowship has recently been organized. This group has already asked the city Safety Director to speak to them. It is possible that at this meeting with Mr. Garrison the subject of police institutes might be discussed. Mr. Acuff thought it would be helpful if information concerning the location and the cost of police institutes could be obtained. Mr. Lacey said he would try to have such a report at the next Council meeting.

The subject of a city-wide workshop on Law and Order was discussed. One suggestion concerning this project is to get other organizations to sponsor this event.

Mr. McHarg suggested an inventory questionnaire to help set up the community profile previously mentioned. The results of such a questionnaire might help determine course of action regarding such a workshop. Mr. McHarg promised to send Mr. Martin a sample questionnaire.

Mrs. Stoloff was asked to report at the next meeting the activities and plans of the committee which visited School Board members.

Mr. Martin was asked to make a report on law enforcement.

The secretary was asked to thank the three consultants of the Workshop.

The following action was the result of a discussion on acceptance of former members of subversive organizations: Mr. Lacey moved that no present or former members of the Communist Party is eligible for membership on the Board of Directors of the Human Relations Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. McHarg and passed.

New members of the Council are: Dr. Arthur Jones, Zoology Department, University of Tennessee; Mr. Lewis Sinclair of TVA; Mr. Lawrence Gangaware, Mental Health Center; Alvina Martin, East Tennessee TB Hospital; Mrs. June Cascante; Robert Harvey.

The Membership Committee recommended the following procedure for accepting new members: Names will be proposed by the membership committee at a board meeting. If a proposed member is accepted by the Council, he will be contacted by the Membership Committee or a designated member of the Council, and will become a member when his acceptance is reported at a board meeting.

The name of Mr. Sidney David was suggested for membership by Mr. McHarg.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Kennedy
Secretary

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS WORKSHOP
May 10, 1958

The following are suggestions for action which were gleaned from reports on the Knoxville Area Human Relations Council workshop.

RESEARCH:

1. Check masters dissertations in political science and sociology at U.T. for information on the Knoxville situation, such as trends in voting of Negroes in recent years, power structure, etc.
2. Suggest to staff members in the above departments that they have their graduate students do papers in fields which concern human relations in Knoxville. (This is also educational for the students.)
3. Take an inventory of local groups whose national organizations have taken a stand in favor of desegregation. This is valuable in knowing which groups are most likely to respond to KAHRC contacts.
4. Inventory local resources in terms of agencies, groups, and individuals who take a stand for desegregation.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS:

1. Check law enforcement agencies in the area (state highway police, FBI, etc.) and find out what part they could play in prevention of violence in Knoxville and Knox County. Find out the person in charge of each agency.
2. Check what each of the law enforcement agencies has done in preparation for mob control.
   a. what policeman is in charge of mob control and what kind of training he has had.
   b. what kind of mob control training has taken place locally
   c. which police have been to mob violence institutes.
3. Investigate possibilities of a local police workshop or sending police officers to mob control institutes, what financial arrangements would need to be made and by whom.

SCHOOL BOARD:

1. Continue sending materials on school desegregation to superintendents and school board members, even if there is no response. (It is more effective to send any materials or letters to the individual's home.)
2. Approach board or individual members officially, as designated representatives of KAHRC, to discuss desegregation with them, give them materials, and other help.
3. Find one or two people to build up a personal relationship with each of the board members; to get to know them, spoon-feed materials to them, and to be available in time of trouble.
4. Approach power structure people to visit school board members and superintendent, giving them adequate materials and preparation. (see Key Leaders)

KEY COMMUNITY LEADERS:

1. Apparently there is no unified power structure in Knoxville. Therefore, it may be possible to reach individuals in the power position, perhaps approaching them on the basis of self interest.
2. Cas Walker is an important figure, and at present is neutral on desegregation. Perhaps KAHRC could approach him quietly to insure his neutrality.

3. Ask local leaders to carry out specific tasks, such as visiting school board members or paying police tuition to mob control schools. This is good education for the leader even if he does not feel able to carry out the task.
4. Help Negro leaders to draw Negroes into a determined but law-abiding community, which the larger community is aware of as an important force.
5. Find newspaper reporters, radio and TV announcers and program people who are sympathetic, and keep in close touch with them.

RESOURCE:

1. Have a resource committee study materials and films on human relations and desegregation, and become a source of information on these materials. Filter materials through this group.

EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC:

1. The resource people from Southern Regional Council stressed that it is important to attempt to change behavior, not attitudes. All planning in education of the public should be developed in terms of this approach. Always know for what purpose each activity is planned--to bolster like-minded individuals, etc.

2. Aim at organized groups or individuals within particular contexts which are most strategic. (For example: approach Committee of 100 of the Chamber of Commerce on the basis that control of violence is better for business. Approach P-TA's on basis of mental health, etc.)
3. Film forum, etc. should be used mainly to strengthen groups which tend to be like-minded with KAHRC (see 1. above).
4. Find sponsors for community-wide workshops within already established groups. This is good for developing group responsibility toward human relations.
5. Interest young parents who are directly concerned with school desegregation, perhaps on a neighborhood basis.
6. Reach children through youth serving organizations.
7. Program possibility--people from Oak Ridge telling about desegregation there.

NEWS:

1. Feed materials to announcers, reporters, etc., particularly sympathetic ones.
2. Provide materials for feature articles on desegregation after the court case.
3. Create news in order to get publicity in papers on successful desegregation, laws against violence, etc.

FRANCHISE:

1. Work to increase registered and active voters among Negroes, liberal whites.

HARRASSMENT:

1. Get together people who have been harrassed, to discuss troubles, inform of what can be done about it, etc.

All Board members are urged to attend this meeting which, in the normal schedule will be the last regular Board meeting before September.

Proposed Agenda

June 17, 1958 7:30 p.m. YWCA

1. Consideration of the matter of involving more of the members of the Council Board in actual work of the Council between meetings. Included would be the involvement of more people in the work of existing committees, and doing the many jobs listed in the Highlights of the Workshop as enclosed.

2. Discussion of possible contacts regarding admission of patients at St. Mary's and Baptist hospitals and Negro doctors at these and Fort Sanders Hospital.

3. Letters from the Council to other organizations in the community telling them that the Council staff secretary, Galen Martin, is available to help them with their work. If the Council made this clear, they would more likely request help.

4. Development of a Decision Day Plan. The ground work would be laid now, and action taken immediately after the Court decision comes. Possible steps:

   A. Contacts with groups which might issue statements supporting law and order.
   B. A new declaration of conscience.
   C. Church sermons the following Sunday.
   D. People to write letters to the Editor.
   E. Research study to show how many schools and children will be affected.
   F. Ministers Day of Prayer (as in Little Rock) for law and order.
   G. Program plans for an institute to be scheduled as soon as possible after "D" Day.

5. Possible duplication, distribution and public release of:
   A. Knoxville Inventory of Desegregation and Integration
   B. Tennessee and Knoxville statutes to protect individuals and property

6. Development of the profile suggested at the workshop. Possible divisions:

   A. Newspapers, Radio and TV Stations
   B. Public Officials
   C. Police Officers (Being handled by Law Committee)
   D. Community Leaders (Business, financial, political not above)
   E. Civic clubs and women's clubs (related to 4(A.)

   In each category persons and information might be given, paralleled by the names of Council friends who know or could contact the persons. One way of proceeding to compile above information would be to have small groups meet and recite information they have, to be taken down by stenographer and typed out to be shown to other people on a continuing basis so more complete information can be collected.
   F. Opposition names and information (compiled in the same way)

7. Regular meeting day for Executive Committee.

8. Possible mailing of special information to new P-TA chairmen and program chairmen before their programs are planned in August-September.

Knoxville Area Human Relations Council

Minutes of Meeting of June 17, 1958

Present: Mesdames Cascante, Snell, and Stoloff; and Messrs. Acuff, Stoloff, Morse, Lacey, Sinclair, and Martin.

Reverend Acuff chaired the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Miles, Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as mimeographed.

Mr. Acuff announced that Rev. Kelley has left Knoxville. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the nominations committee present a new vice-presidential nominee at the next council meeting.

Mr. Lacey made a report for the Law Enforcement Committee, as follows:

1. A letter has recently been written to the FBI inquiring about their police institutes, but no answer has been received.

2. The police institute at Michigan State is sponsored by the National Conference of the Round Table of Christians and Jews; it is held every May. The total cost of the institute is $65. NCCJ encourages local chapters to sponsor attendance at this institute, and to defray expenses for police. Mr. Martin was asked to talk to the local president about sponsoring some Knoxville attendance at the institute.

3. The University of Louisville sponsors a police institute which concerns human relations in part. There is a possibility that they will conduct a special one on human relations. They will let the council know if this is definitely planned.

4. The available information is that no Knoxville policeman has attended either the Michigan or the Louisville institutes. A few may have attended a FBI institute, but this is not concerned with human relations.

5. Garrison, Safety Director, is to attend the Knoxville Men's Fellowship on Monday, June 23, in order to discuss the Knoxville safety program.

Mr. Martin reported that reprints from the News Sentinel concerning the attendance of local police at [redacted] were sent to other human relations organizations in Knoxville, with the suggestion that they might write Mr. Garrison, commending him on this step.

Mrs. Stoloff reported on the School Board Committee actions as follows:

1. The recommendation that a series of three letters be sent to each school board member during the summer, enclosing in each letter one of the pamphlets on successful school integration. It was moved, seconded, and passed that this be carried out.

2. The committee is planning to work out personal and official visits to school board members, but as yet has not started this program.

Mr. Sinclair reported that there is a possibility that Mt. View School will be changed from white to Negro this fall. He asked about finding white parents who would be willing to ask that the school be integrated. It was moved, seconded, and passed that Mr. Lacey ask a person he knows about the feelings of white parents in the area, and that the executive committee carry out any feasible action.

Mrs. Snell raised the question of the role of members from counties other than Knox. She suggested that special meetings could be held considering area problems, in order to include these people more effectively, at perhaps six month intervals. The importance of maintaining liason with other counties was stressed. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the executive committee establish policy about the scope of KAHRC involvement, the relationship of members from outside the county to the group, and the possibility of special meetings including these people.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that KAHRC collect $2 dues from each member per year.

The involvement of more of the Council members in an active role was discussed. This was deferred until the questionnaire now being prepared has been sent out to each member, eliciting such information as organizational membership, special knowledge, interests, etc. The executive committee was asked to assign jobs to members in terms of the results of this questionnaire.

Mr. Martin reported that letters were sent to the four Catholic hospitals in Tennessee, other than the one in Knoxville, asking them about their policy regarding admission of Negroes. Responses show that two of them admit Negroes and two do not. Mr. Martin also reported the suggestion of a Catholic Knoxvillian that a letter be sent to Sister Mary Annunciata, pointing out the progress that St. Mary's Hospital has made in this field (the acceptance of practical nurses on an integrated basis), and the progress made in Knoxville in various agencies and organizations; then making a statement concerning desegregation of St. Mary's, and asking to discuss this question in person. It was felt that it would be better for one or more individuals to sign the letter, rather than the Council. It was moved, seconded, and passed that Mr. Acuff appoint a person to carry through on this project, writing the letter and choosing the people to sign it and see Sister Mary Annunciata.

The Council deferred to the executive committee any action on sending letters to other groups informing them on the availability of Galen Martin on a consultative basis.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the executive committee appoint a committee and chairman to consider a Decision Day plan, work out a blue print for this, and allocate activities to members, other individuals, and organizations.

Action on a community profile and on use of the Knoxville inventory and the list of statutes concerning human rights was deferred to the executive committee.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that letters of appreciation be sent to Messrs. Dodd, Kelly, Manis, and Ludwig, who are being dropped from the Council for reasons of departure or resignation.

The Council discussed the mailing of special information to new PTA presidents and program chairmen. The group felt that the approach used should be that PTAs are peculiarly able to handle problems of desegregation, and that they should be considering what they can do. Any letters sent could point out what PTAs in other communities have done, and suggest the availability of Galen Martin and the Council literature and films. This project was referred to the Committee on Education of the Public, Mr. Acuff, chairman.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the executive committee implement any of the Workshop highlights that seem feasible of execution.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Stoloff

KNOXVILLE AREA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

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July 1958

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NEXT MEETING: The Council will meet Thursday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the YWCA, 420 Clinch

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KNOXVILLE AREA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting
September 16, 1958 YWCA, Knoxville

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Acuff, Cascante, Lacey, McHarg, Strauss, and Martin, Staff Secretary.

Visitors Present: Babb, Livingston, Proudfoot, Rutland.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as mailed to the membership.

Executive Committee Report:

Mr. Acuff gave the following report on the activities of the Executive Committee during the summer interim:

1. Mr. Lewis Sinclair was elected to replace Mr. Kelly as Vice-President by a mail ballot.

2. Official stationery, including a listing of officers on the letterhead, has been secured.

3. A report on criticism by the assistant City Editor of the News Sentinel of what he felt the "secrecy" of the operations of the Council was given by Mr. Martin.

4. Letters suggesting that Mr. George Dempster and Mr. Joe Swidler be appointed members of the Tennessee State Advisory Committee to the President's Civil Rights Advisory Committee were forwarded to Washington.

5. Letters with pertinent enclosures were sent to the following organizations:
   a. School Board of Knoxville.
   b. P.T.A. Presidents in Knoxville.
   c. Other civic and service clubs.

6. The desegregation inventory was completed and mailed.

Report on Negro Employment in Government Agencies:

Mr. Martin gave the following interim report on a survey of Negro Employment in Government agencies in the Knoxville area.

1. Post Office: The situation is good, according to personal reports from Negro employees. At present there are 24 Negro employees, 14 of whom are in positions other than custodial.

2. T.V.A.: Policy is good in theory at least. There are 60 Negro employees out of around 1500 total employees, 30 of whom are in non-custodial jobs, and three of whom are in professional categories.

Letter to Garrison:

Mr. Lacey read the draft of a letter to Mr. Garrison complimenting him on the spirit behind the decisive action taken by the Police Department in the Foster picketing affair. The draft was discussed at length, and several revisions were accepted.

MSC, Strauss, Sinclair, that the letter as revised should be sent to Mr. Garrison.

Federal Court Suit:

Mr. Lacey reported that School Board attorneys have moved that the desegregation suit be dismissed on technical grounds. He also reported that the School Board has promised to present a plan for desegregation if their plea for dismissal is refused.

Mr. Martin pointed out that a fairly quick decision is now possible, and that as a consequence the "Decision Day" plans of the Council should be completed as soon as possible.

Membership Committee:

The membership committee presented a slate of prospective members for Board approval.

MSC: McHarg, Strauss, that the slate be approved and that the committee be instructed to invite the listed individuals to become members of the Council.

WIVK Editorial:

Mr. Martin read a copy of an editorial broadcast over Station WIVK urging listeners to keep calm, stay out of trouble, and respect the law of the land in event that desegregation comes in Knoxville. The decision as to response by the Council to this editorial was referred to the Executive Committee.

Discussion of Clinton Desegregation:

Mr. McHarg was asked to give the Council a detailed report on the factors leading to the Clinton crisis centering on desegregation of the High School there. McHarg pointed out the factors that combined to cause violence in Clinton, and also pointed out that most of these factors are present in Knoxville now. He further pointed out the possibilities for constructive action that were missed in Clinton, and outlined the potential usefulness of Council members and other concerned people in such a crisis, basing his remarks on experience at the time of the Clinton trouble.

In the resulting discussion Mr. Strauss suggested that an attempt be made to get the Knoxville Area Ministerial association to give leadership by passing a strong statement supporting law and order. Mr. Acuff pointed out the difficulties in getting such a statement adopted by that group. Mr. McHarg agreed to try.

Date of Next Meeting:

MSC, Lacey, Proudfoot, that the regular meeting date be changed to the 3rd Thursday of each month.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the YWCA, 420 Clinch

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KNOXVILLE AREA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

October 16, 1958 YWCA, Knoxville

Present: Acuff, Strauss, Delk, Jones, Harvey, Miles, Lacey, West, Crutcher, and Martin, staff secretary.

Previous minutes were not read, but explanations were given concerning the criticism by the Assistant City Editor of the News-Sentinel of what he thought was "secrecy" in Council operations, and the letter of commendation sent to Mr. Garrison for the benefit of members not present at the last meeting when these items were discussed.

The Membership Committee presented a slate of fifteen prospective members for Board approval, all of which were accepted.

A letter of resignation from the Stoloffs was read and accepted with regret. They are leaving the city. The Membership Committee was asked to nominate a new treasurer.

The group was asked to consider the resignation of Mrs. Miles as School Board Chairman, and Mr. Lacey as Law Enforcement Chairman. Mr. Lacey now heads the Membership Committee.

A report was given on work of the Hospital Desegregation committee, and a letter to be written to Sister Annunciata at St. Mary's Hospital.

It was stated that Henry Morse is unable to serve as editor of the News-letter. The Executive Committee was asked to fill vacancies and compose the letter mentioned above.

The staff secretary reported on local pronouncements on law and order and said a collection of statements made by various groups might be duplicated.

A recommendation to the School Board that they include many schools in their desegregation plan so as to avoid setting up a target was passed. Implementation of this was left to the Executive Committee.

Rev. Crutcher explained the planned Preaching mission and also the workshop on integration planned by the Ministerial Association for ministers.

ADJOURNMENT.

Willie Miles, Acting Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m., at the YWCA, 420 West Clinch
Special Program: Mrs. Robert Peelle will report on surveys of churches, restaurants, hotels and organizations in Oak Ridge. Miss Louise Young, Executive Director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations may be present.

KNOXVILLE AREA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

November 13, 1958 YWCA, Knoxville, Tenn.

Present: Acuff, Cleland, Freeman, DeRidder, Benn, Sinclair, Strauss, Fowler, Lacey, Proudfoot, and Martin, staff secretary.

Because of the absence of the secretary, Dr. C. M. Proudfoot was asked to take notes of the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved. The president then called for committee reports.

Dr. Forrest Lacey, chairman of the Membership Committee, proposed the names of Mr. Sam Rosen, Miss Joan Livingston, Mr. Ted Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Peelle, and the Rev. L. A. Alexander for membership on the Council. The Council acted favorably on the recommendations, pending acceptance.

With regard to the work of the Film Forum and Speakers Bureau, it was reported that the PTA's of Beardsley Junior High and Austin High have used the film "A City Decides".

It was reported that Rev. R. E. James is filling in in the area of Law Enforcement since that committee is without a chairman. The Council approved the suggestion that pamphlets on the subject of "Race and Law Enforcement" be proposed for the 17 policemen who are to participate in a police school on November 24.

With regard to Hospital Desegregation, the president reported that Rev. Crutcher has been working on this problem with reference to St. Mary's Hospital, and that a letter to that hospital is being drafted. Also he reported that the Knoxville Men's Fellowship has established a committee consisting of Rev. Crutcher, the Rev. Lea Earl Acuff and Mr. Seeber to confer with authorities of the Baptist Hospital.

With regard to the Newsletter, the staff secretary reported the last issue was well received and that Dr. C.M. Proudfoot has agreed to serve as editor of the newsletter.

Other committees either made no report or reported no activity.

Under the heading of "Old Business" the first item taken up was the election of a treasurer to replace Mrs. Stoloff who has left the city. Dr. Lacey, reporting for the Nominating Committee, placed in nomination the name of Mrs. Willie Miles. She was unanimously elected.

The Chairman reminded the group that the Council had instructed the Executive Committee to consider means of contacting the School Board with the idea of spreading out integration in terms of places and numbers of students in order to lessen the tension at any one point. He reported that letters regarding this are being sent to each individual member of the Board. The staff secretary reported

that Arthur Jones had talked with Dr. Moffett, School Board member, and reported a rather favorable response. He was told, however, that only the Chairman of the Board was authorized to speak on the Board's plans for integration.

Committee chairmen were authorized to contact persons not now serving on a committee to invite them to serve, and also those who might wish to be placed on additional committees.

It was suggested by Mr. Martin and Dr. Proudfoot that the committee structure will probably work more effectively as matters are increasingly referred to committees by the Council itself.

The president at this point turned to New Business.

The president reported on the Workshop on Human Relations being planned by the Knoxville Ministerial Association. The committee of the KMA which is planning the Workshop has made the following proposals:

(1) Consideration of the question: What do Negroes want and need? Possible speakers: M.L. King and Benjamin Mays.
(2) Report from people who are seeking to help them attain these objectives. Possibilities: Colbert Cartwright, minister of Pulaski Heights Christian Church, Little Rock; Blake Smith, pastor of Univ.Baptist, Austin, Texas.
(3) Use of the film, THE BROKEN MASK in which a minister is confronted with the problem of integration in his community.
(4) Consideration of "handles" by which the minister might begin to cope with this area. Suggested: Rev. Olof Anderson of Louisville, Kentucky.
(5) Getting people in places of responsibility in Knoxville to speak on how the church could foster peaceful integration. Suggested: Mr. Johnston of the schools; Mayor Dance; Mr. Garrison.

The tentative date for the Workshop is February 3 and the places under consideration are Broadway Baptist and Central Methodist churches.

It was reported that the Rev. John H. Marion, who is working with the United Presbyterian Church in the area of human relations, will be in Knoxville November 23 and 24, preaching at Second Presbyterian Church on the 23rd, and may be available for other contacts.

It was reported that there are prospects for more activity in the local Roundtable of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The proposal will be presented to the steering committee of this organization of sending someone from the local police department to the Police Institute to be held in May, 1959 at Michigan State University.

The Council viewed the movie "Commencement", produced by the President's Committee on Government Contracts. The movie shows how an industrialist became aware of discriminatory employment practices in his own company and set out to change them. The film was followed by discussion as to how we could work in the Knoxville area to "open up" those plants which do have government contracts. The Council discussed what organizations might be persuaded to show this film locally. Dr. Lacey agreed to contact one of the service clubs. Mr. Grady Benn agreed to locate one of the Negro organizations which would be willing to distribute within the Negro community information about the President's Committee and a mimeographed sheet listing the companies in the Knoxville area which have government contracts.
Dr. Proudfoot agreed to contact Mrs. Emma Stokes at Austin High relative to issuing a joint invitation to Mr. George Butler of Wash., D.C., an employee of the President's Committee, to speak at the two schools, possibly in connection with Career Day at Austin. Meeting adjourned.

C.M. Proudfoot, Acting Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 15, 7:30 p.m. at the YWCA, 420 West Clinch.

Special Note: Mr. Arthur Levin, Director of the Atlanta Office of the Anti-Defamation League, will speak at the NCCJ Roundtable meeting, Monday noon, January 19. Council members are invited to attend, but those desiring lunch must make reservations by calling Mrs. Stanley Levy, 8-4818, or Galen Martin by Friday noon, January 16. Mr. Levin will speak on "The Citizen's Responsibility for Law and Order." He has had considerable experience in the South, particularly with recent developments, including the bombings.

KNOXVILLE AREA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

December 11, 1958 - YWCA, Knoxville

Present: Acuff (presiding), Cascante, Crutcher, Jones, Lacey, Mertons, Peelle, Sinclair, Strauss, and Martin, staff secretary.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved. The chairman then called for committee reports.

Membership - It was reported that Joan Livingston and Miss Jessie Glanton had agreed to serve as members of the Board.

Film Forum and Speakers Bureau - Committee chairman Arthur Jones raised several possibilities of assistance which might be offered to organizational program chairmen for use during Brotherhood period in February. Suggestions included: discussion panels made up of professors from Knoxville College and U.T.; students from the same schools.

Another possibility discussed was the development of a series of color slides and explanation along the lines of the Council publication, "There's Nothing New About Being Fair," but also presenting some of the areas of little or no progress. One amateur photographer has said he could help take the slides and could pay the costs of film and processing (which is not great), but the harder problems would be those of arranging and scheduling.

Law Enforcement - It was reported that the suggestion of giving pamphlets on "Race and Law Enforcement" to the policemen participating in the police school was not accepted, because of a feeling that if pamphlets were given out on one side, those with different views could not be denied the same privilege. It was felt that distribution of the proposed pamphlets was not necessary and that this subject matter was dealt with adequately in oral presentations which have been made and will be continued.

Board of Education - This committee has no chairman, but various individuals contributed information on developments regarding schools. It was noted that the docket would be sounded in Federal Court December 19, and the school case might be set for hearing at that time. New efforts were suggested for having many community organizations ask the Mayor to appoint an advisory committee on school desegregation.

Hospital Desegregation - It was reported that St. Mary's hospital had re-affirmed its policy of emergency treatment (but not admittance) for Negroes, and that an employee had been reproved for the recent instance in which a Negro was refused emergency treatment. The Council committee on Hospital Desegregation and the Knoxville Men's Fellowship committee regarding Baptist Hospital admission policies have not completed their work.

Decision Day - The urgent need for action by this committee was re-emphasized in the light of a possible Court hearing following the docket sounding in December. Galen Martin reported hearing at the Intergroup Relations Officials meeting in Pittsburgh that community alarm over threats to law and order declined rapidly after a crisis. He said the official adoption of a desegregation plan for Knoxville would probably present the best opportunity for developing community support which the forces of law and order would ever have, and that complete preparation must be made to take advantage of that opportunity.

The need is for development of the Decision Day plan that could be implemented at once after a desegregation order is given so that many people, including community leaders, could be immediately involved in support of law and order.

It was suggested that the D Day committee be enlarged into an ad hoc committee involving persons from many organizations. Letters from pastors to members of their congregations was proposed as another idea for the plan.

OLD BUSINESS

A report was made on the work of Mr. Grady L. Benn, Jr., which resulted in the decision of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance to promote the work of the President's Committee on Government Contracts for fair employment in Knoxville. That group will send letters to the known contractors in Knoxville, enclosing a copy of the Federal fair employment poster and offering to help the employers live up to their promise to hire without discrimination.

A progress report was given on the Human Relations Workshop to be held February 3, by the Knoxville Ministerial Association. In the first two hours the religious leaders will talk. This will be followed by comments from the local school superintendents, Safety Director and County Sheriff. After lunch small discussion groups will meet and from 2 to 3 p.m. there will be concluding worship.

NEW BUSINESS

"A Declaration of Conscience" from the Nashville Association of Churches was read. A copy is on file with the Council.

It was announced that hearings on a permanent injunction against segregation of the Knoxville Golf Course were to be heard December 19, in Chancery Court. (That hearing was passed without action.)

Mrs. Robert Peelle gave a summary report on surveys of churches, restaurants, hotels and organizations in Oak Ridge. Mrs. Peele gave in detail procedures for interviews and the questions asked, so that comparable responses were received. The churches known to have Negro members were not contacted, but a wide range of opinion was received among those not now having Negro members. Surveys were made with agreement not to make further publication and exact responses were not given to the Council.

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be January 15.

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KNOXVILLE AREA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

January 15, 1959 - YWCA, Knoxville

Present: Acuff (presiding), Alexander, Lacey, McHarg, Mertens, Miles

Minutes of the last meeting were approved. No committee reports or unfinished business was brought before the group, so the items of new business on the agenda were introduced.

Assistant Secretary Mr. Acuff announced the appointment of Mrs. June Cascante as Assistant Secretary.

Monthly Meetings Mr. Acuff asked for the opinion of the group relative to increasing the number of meetings of the Council to two a month. After lengthy discussion it was decided that no change would be made at this time, but that special meetings would be called if needed.

Mailings to Civil Rights Commission A policy clearance was requested by Galen Martin, StaffSecretary, on the matter of his mailing pertinent clippings and other information concerning possible civil rights violations to the Civil Rights Commission. MSC (Lacey, Miles) That the Staff Secretary use his judgement on what to mail and clear with the Council only if in doubt.

Council Dues Mrs. Miles asked that members be reminded of the $2.00 per year membership dues. Check may be sent to Mrs. Miles, to Galen Martin, or brought to thenext meeting.

Brotherhood Week Mr. Acuff asked if the group wished the Council to formulate plans for joining in observance of Brotherhood Week. After discussion it was decided that due to press of time and lack of resources, the Council should concentrate on formulatingDecision Day plans, and not attempt to act in regard to Brotherhood Week.

Decision Day Plans The rest of the meeting centered on a discussion of plans for "Decision Day". By way of clarification it was pointed out that D Day would be present either when Judge Taylor rules for integration of schools or when the School Board presents a plan of integration. The following suggestions for action concerning D Day plans were introduced.

1. Mertens suggested drawing up a Declaration of Conscience regarding Law and Order. He further suggested that the Triad Club might be a source to use in contacting influential individuals to sign such a pledge.

2. McHarg suggested that the original plans for making a Community Profile be worked up in order that the proper contacts could be assured. He also suggested that support for keeping public schools open at all costs be sought as a part of D Day plans.

3. Lacey suggested that the Council set up a meeting with representatives of various civic, service, and other organizations to discuss the problem soon to confront Knoxville, and to help develop a pattern of action to meet the problem. The purpose of such a meeting would be to lay out clearly the dangers possible in the situation and to stress positive steps that can be taken to smooth the transition from segregated to integrated schools.

MSC (Miles, Alexander) that such a meeting be set up. Time of meeting set for February 3rd, pending outcome of a planning session of Executive Committee.

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Executive Committee Action Since Last Meeting -- Due to the uncertainty surrounding the school integration case before the Federal Court, it has been decided to postpone themeeting described above for the time being. A further discussion of themeeting will take place at our Thursday Council meeting.

NEWSLETTER

Volume II, No. 6

January, 1959 Knoxville Area Human Relations Council Box 1011, Knoxville, Tenn.

CHURCHES TAKE SPOTLIGHT IN HUMAN RELATIONS ACTIVITY

With a court decision on school integration postponed until at least February 6, the spotlight in Human Relations activities in the Knoxville area has shifted to what the churches are doing; Presbyterians merged white and Negro presbyteries; both Oak Ridge and Knoxville-Maryville are sponsoring interracial community-wide preaching missions which feature or include Negro speakers; the Methodist Church in this area is preparing for an interracial conference on racial understanding; the Methodists also held a one-day spiritual retreat to which Christians of all races and denominations were invited; the Knoxville Ministerial Association readied plans for a Clinic on Integration for Knoxville area ministers; the Knoxville Roundtable of the National Conference of Christians and Jews planned a series of programs concerned with aspects of human relations. This issue of the Newsletter is devoted largely to this remarkable increase of human relations activity amongst the churches and religious groups.

METHODISTS TO MEET ON RACE RELATIONS

An interracial conference of Methodist ministers and leading laymen, designed to promote understanding and cooperation between the races, will be held February 5-7 at Morristown College. The conference was called by Bishop Roy H. Short of the Nashville area and Bishop Edgar A. Love of the Baltimore area.

The sponsoring bodies are the Holston conference, which comprises the predominantly white congregations of East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia, and the East Tennessee Conference, an all-Negro body belonging to the Central Jurisdiction.

The meeting will be in the nature of a study conference. Some five or six individuals have been engaged in research for several weeks, compiling background material for the conference.

They have been investigating the comparative situation of whites and Negroes in regard to health, housing, employment and income, education, recreational facilities and religion. Thus one benefit of the project is expected to be the making available of factual data regarding race relations in this area which has not been previously compiled. Thirteen similar study conferences have been held by Methodists in other parts of the country.

PRESBYTERIANS INTEGRATE PRESBYTERIES

Presbyterians of the Knoxville-Maryville area took a historic step recently. On January 15, when three presbyteries merged, it brought together what had previously been racially segregated courts of two distinct Presbyterian denominations.

The three presbyteries were as follows: Union (36 churches, 44 ministers), which embraced white congregations formerly in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Le Vere (11 churches, 5 ministers), the Negro presbytery of the same denomination; and Tennessee (7 churches, 4 ministers), the presbytery of the former United Presbyterian Church in North America, whose churches in this area were all predominantly Negro in constituency.

Synods Integrated Earlier

Ministers and elders of Le Vere and Tennessee Presbyteries received prominent committee assignments in the organization of the new presbytery. All activities of the presbytery, including camps and conferences, will be on an integrated basis.

Integration of the synods to which Union and Le Vere Presbyteries belonged took place last June, at Maryville College. The United Presbyterian Church in

PRESBYTERIANS INTEGRATE (Continued)

North America united with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., last May on the national level.

The ceremony of merger was held at the Fort Sanders Presbyterian Church in Knoxville. The new presbytery includes such other local congregations as Second, Fourth, Graystone, and Shiloh. Congregations of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. (for example, First, Sequoyah Hills, Fifth Avenue) were unaffected by the merger; however, these churches also belong to a racially integrated presbytery.

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KNOXVILLE-MARYVILLE PREACHING MISSION "UNITED" IN MANY WAYS

For the second consecutive year, churches of many denominations are joining through the Ministerial Associations of Knoxville and Maryville to sponsor a United Christian Preaching Mission which recognizes no racial barriers either in sponsorship, attendance, or program. Beginning January 18, the mission continued through January 23.

Seven prominent preachers have been brought to the area from various parts of the country to provide the inspirational leadership in both Knoxville and Maryville.

Of particular interest to Knoxvillians was the planned appearance of Knoxville born and reared Dr. James H. Robinson. He is now minister of the Church of the Master (Presbyterian) in New York City, and is one of the best-known Negro clergymen in the world today. He gave the Lyman Beecher lectures at Yale in 1955. He has traveled in the Far East as a special emissary of his Church. His autobiography, ROAD WITHOUT TURNING, recounts the difficult days of a poverty-ridden youth in Knoxville and his struggle to overcome poverty and racial prejudice.

Dr. Robert Duncan, pastor of Church St. Methodist Church, Knoxville, was General Chairman of the committees planning the mission. Dr. W.T. Crutcher, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church was Knoxville Chairman, and Dr. E.H. Ogle, pastor of Broadway Methodist, Maryville Chairman.

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MINISTERS' CLINIC ON INTEGRATION

Using the theme "Problems and Progress in Human Relations", the Knoxville Ministerial Association will hold a clinic on integration February 3 at the First Presbyterian Church. Leaders for peaceful integration from other parts of the South will lead a morning session on "Toward a Clearer Understanding of What Confronts us in Human Relations."

Such guest leaders will include Reverend John Marion of Richmond, Virginia, and Rev. J. Metz Rollins, formerly of Tallahassee, Florida. Both men work for the Department of Social Education and Action of the United Presbyterian Church. Rev. C.T. Baker, Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Council of Churches of Nashville, and Dr. Fred Routh, Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Georgia, will also lead.

Local guest leaders who have been invited include: School Superintendents Miss Mildred Doyle and Mr. Tom Johnston; Mr. David Garrison, Knoxville Safety Director, County Sheriff E.B. Bowles, and Dr. John Burkhart, Chairman of the Knoxville Board of Education.

The afternoon program includes small group discussions seeking answers for problems in Human Relations. The clinic will be concluded with a report of these discussions and an hour of worship.

Rev. Tom Carriger, Inskip Methodist Church, and 1959 Chairman of the Knoxville Ministerial Association Committee on Human Relations, will preside.

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RETREAT LED BY E. STANLEY JONES

Persons of all races and denominations were invited to a Prayer Retreat led by the noted missionary, E. Stanley Jones, in Knoxville last week. The Retreat was sponsored by the Knoxville District of the Methodist Church and held at Central Methodist Church. Persons who attended report that the attendance at some of the services completely filled the large sanctuary, and that the congregation was indeed interracial and unsegregated. Dr. Jones spoke four times during the day.

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FELLOWSHIP HOUSE OFFERS "UNITS FOR UNITY"

Prof. Thomas Ktsanes of Tulane University, a sociologist widely known for his work in the area of the status of minority groups, will open the 1959 "Units for Unity" series of Fellowship House on January 26. He will speak on the subject "The Social and Economic Costs of an Unskilled Labor Force."

The "Units for Unity" programs are open to the general public. The series will embrace three programs, all on the general theme: "The Negro Labor Force and the Industrial and Economic Development of Knoxville.

Other programs are outlined as follows:

February 4 - Subject: Economic and Industrial development programs for Knoxville and the extent to which the Negro labor force is recognized in planning them. A Knoxville business or industrial leader will speak.

February 12 - Subject: Job opportunities and on-the-job training for the Negro labor force, with particular attention to what unions are doing in this field. Speakers will include representatives of labor.

All the programs will be at the auditorium of Lawson-McGhee Library and will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Presiding at the meetings will be three U.T. Economics Professors: January 26, Prof. Earl Williams; February 4, Prof. Howard Dye; February 12, Prof. J. Fred Holly, who is Chairman of the Dept. of Economics.

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LEGISLATION POLL

Many members of the Tennessee Legislation now in session think there is no need for new racial legislation. Another large group of legislators think segregation has been overemphasized as an issue in Tennessee.

A United Press poll of all 133 lawmakers revealed these results. Twenty-eitht members of the 1959 Legislature said they thought segregation has been overemphasized, and 30 said they did not think there was need for action on segregation measures in the coming session.

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS ELECTS OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Fred Smith of Knoxville was chosen a Vice-Chairman of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations at its meeting in Nashville January 15-17. Dr. Smith is Vice-President Emeritus of the University of Tennessee.

Other Council Board members from this part of Tennessee are: Dr. W.T. Crutcher, Mr. Herman Daves, The Rev. Lea Earl Acuff, Mr. Galen Martin, Mr. Clifford Seeber, and Dr. James A. Colston, all of Knoxville; Dr. William Pollard from Oak Ridge; from Newport, Mr. James Stokely, and from Greenville, Mrs. W.S. Debusk.

More than 200 Tennesseeans attended the annual meeting of the council.

As a concluding action of the meeting, a decision was made to send a letter to Governor Buford Ellington, commending him for his January 16 statement before the Tennessee Press Association, on school closings.

School Closings

The Nashville Tennesseean of Saturday, January 17, said, "Ellington also implied strongly he will not seek additional legislation on public school segregation during the 1959 legislature. There has been speculation he might ask a law giving him authority to close schools in case of violence. He said in last summer's campaigns he would do so, but does not have authority to do so directly under the present law.

"But he said last night:

'In event of any strife in connection with school integration, the present law gives local school authorities the power to close the school involved. If any local school board is forced by events to take this action, I will back it up to the limit of my authority.'"

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LEGISLATION POLL (Continued)

"Let's let it lie" was the way one legislator summed up the issue for the 1959 General Assembly.

NCCJ ROUNDTABLE ANNOUNCES PROGRAMS

A series of monthly programs exploring relations between religious, racial, and cultural groups has been planned by the Knoxville Roundtable of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. During the week of February 15-22, the annual Brotherhood Week banquet will feature as speaker the Executive Vice President of the N.C.C.J., Dr. Sterling W. Brown of New York City.

The other programs will occur at the monthly luncheon meetings of the Executive Board, to which interested non-members are invited. These are held at the YWCA on Clinch St., commencing at 12:00 noon. The program for March 16 will present Mr. and Mrs. James R. Stokely of Newport, Tenn., on the subject "Observations on the Southern Racial-Religious Situation." Mr. and Mrs. Stokely are widely known for their book, NEITHER BLACK NOR WHITE, based on wide travels throughout the South.

On April 20 there will be a panel discussion on "Problems in Integration on the College Level." The panel, to be moderated by Dr. C.M. Proudfoot of the Knoxville College faculty, will include two students from the University of Tennessee: Miss Martha Murphey and Mr. John Deupree, and two from Knoxville College -- Miss Jamesena Boyd and Mr. Robert Booker.

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On May 18 there will be a book review and display of books dealing with human relations, led by Miss Martha Ellison of Lawson-McGhee Library.

Mrs. James A. Colston is Program Chairman for the Roundtable. Inquiries concerning these meetings may be directed to her (#2-3434) or to Mrs. Stanley E. Levy, Executive-Secretary (#8-4818).

DR. MAYS SPEAKER FOR OAK RIDGE PREACHING MISSION

Dr. Benjamin Mays, world-renowned Negro Christian will speak for the Oak Ridge Community Preaching Mission. The Mission was held January 18-23. It is sponsored by the Oak Ridge Ministerial Association, which comprises 24 churches representing nine Christian denominations, several union churches, and the Hebrew Congregation. Services are being held at the First Methodist Church at 8:00 p.m. each evening.

Dr. Mays is President of Morehouse College in Atlanta. He was born in South Carolina, received his Bachelor's degree from Bates College in Maine, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago. He holds eight honorary degrees and is the author of five books and more than sixty articles. He has been called one of the ten most outstanding Christians of the world today.

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Minutes of Meeting
February 19, 1959 YWCA, Knoxville

Board Members Present: Acuff (Chairman), Miss Cascante, Jones, Mrs. Killifer, Lacey, McHarg, Proudfoot, West and Galen Martin, Staff Secretary.

Minutes: Minutes of the January meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Mrs. Miles, Mr. Martin reported a total of $38.50 in the treasury.

Newsletter: Mr. Proudfoot reported that the next Newsletter will not appear for two weeks. He stated that material explaining the origin and purpose of the Southern Regional Council will be included in the next Newsletter, in view of the newspaper attack on the S.R.C. in the Knoxville Journal.

Membership: Mr. Lacey reported that Mrs. Killifer has accepted membership in the Council. He proposed the names of Mr. Sam Rosen, Mr. Woods Buckman and the Rev. Keith McCord as additional council members.

MSC (Lacey, Proudfoot) that the three individuals named above be offered membership in the Board of the Human Relations Council.

Brotherhood Week: Acuff reported that a brotherhood week dinner honoring Mr. George Dempster will be held the evening of February 24, 1959, at the Knoxville Red Cross offices. All members are invited to be present. Cost of the dinner will be $3.50.

Ministers' Workshop: Acuff asked the Council if they wished to take any action relative to the attack on Fred Routh, consultant at the recent Ministers' workshop, in view of the fact that he was recommended to the K.M.A. Proudfoot stated that KMA has authorized statement defending Routh and giving factual information about him to be included in the next KMA newsletter. It was suggested by West that the Concil offer our services to the KMA in this matter.

Government Contracts: Martin quoted a letter from G. Dempster, in which he responded favorably to the Council's suggestion that the Tenn. Advisory Committee to the Presidents Council on Civil Rights conduct a Tennessee survey of Gov't contractors relative to their living up to the Civil Rights clauses in their contracts. Martin also reported on a number of clippings concerning possible civil rights violations which he had forwarded to the members of the Adv. Comm.

Hospital Letter: Acuff reported on the preparation of a draft of a letter to be sent to the administrative head of St. Mary's hospital. The purpose of the letter is to attempt to initiate discussion on opening St. Mary's Hospital to all, regardless of race. The draft of the letter was read and approved. It is to be forwarded to Mr. Charles McCarthy who will make final draft, secure proper signatures and send letter.

Bowles Statement: West introduced a discussion of the statement Sherriff Bowles made at the recent ministers' workshop in which he said that he was against integration, it was inspired by communists, and he would guarantee that it would never come to Knox County while he was sherriff. West reported that one person had suggested a petition be circulated, drawn from the statement of conscience signed by some 2000 persons two years ago. Difficulties and possible dangers of this approach were discussed. West further reported that Bowles is aware of the fact that his statement before the ministers was a political mistake, and would welcome a way to correct or amend it. Two ways to get this done were suggested. One, Jones and West will see Don Ferguson, a reporter, in the attempt to get an interview arranged with

Bowles in which he can qualify his previous stand. Another suggestion was that members of the Democratic committee in Knox County be asked to have Bowles qualify his statement in one of his frequent appearances.

Plans for D. Day: Acuff reported that the Executive Committee meeting after the continuance granted in Taylors Court had decided that another statement of conscience would not be appropriate at this time because:

a. the public motivation to support law and order would not be present as it would in view of a declaration by Judge Taylor to order integration.
b. possibility that such a statement might crystallize premature opposition to desegregation.

Acuff then reported on his visit with three members of the School Board, per instructions of the Executive Committee. He asked them in what manner a group such as ours might be helpful to them in this difficult time. Their answer was that they could be helped only by someone getting the Negro parents to withdraw their suit. All indicated that no plan for desegregation would be forthcoming while a suit was pending. It was Acuff's opinion that the action of the Board will be to delay as long as possible.

Plans for a meeting of representatives from various groups and organizations in Knoxville to consider steps that might be taken were then discussed, in light of the information above as to the attitude of the School Board and status of the suit in Court. Acuff said in his opinion such a meeting would be a forum for interested people to make their views known, and to bring to public attention the fact that all white people do not wish to follow the lead of the Board in dragging their feet. He listed three objectives he would see for such a meeting:

a. to point out publicly that integration is coming, whether one likes it or not (statement of Tenn. Attorney General was cited as pertinent here).
b. to demonstrate that delay in beginning integration is compounding heartache and costing taxpayers money needlessly in view of the assured final outcome.
c. to discuss "how we can do gracefully that which we are going to have to do anyhow."

West felt that these points should be sharpened to create interest. He suggested discussing:

a. what is our reaction to the sure decision of the Court
b. what should be said to School Board so that they would lead out in preparing the community for the coming integration.

Proudfoot suggested the value inherent in an individual approach to School Board members rather than working through a general meeting. He felt that there might be more effect on School Board members through personal contact, and also less of a feeling of pressure by them.

The discussion concluded by agreeing that both the personal and group approach should be used. West agreed to rewrite a draft letter incorporating the ideas of Acuff as to purpose, but sharpening up the wording. This letter is to be sent as an invitation to selected individuals to attend a general meeting. The date of this meeting was tentatively set as March 16, 1959, at 8:00 p.m. T he place will be announced.

The meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE HELD MARCH 19, 1959, AT THE YWCA. TIME: 7:30 PM

KNOXVILLE AREA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

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February, 1959

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NEXT MEETING: Thursday April 16, 7:30 p.m. at the YWCA, 420 West Clinch

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KNOXVILLE AREA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

March 19, 1959 - YWCA, Knoxville

Present: Sinclair (presiding in the absence of Mr. Acuff), Alexander, Harvey, Beckman, McCord, Proudfoot, Miss Killeffer, Mertens, Strauss, and Martin, Staff Secretary.

Minutes: Minutes of the February meeting were read. Correction was made in the spelling of certain names, which should be Miss Killeffer and Mr. Woods Beckman. Minutes were approved.

Court Case: Mr. Alexander reported that the attorney for the School Board had been granted a 30-day extension of time in which to prepare his brief.

Meeting of Community Representatives: Mr. Sinclair reported the meeting on March 16 was successful. The action taken was that the presidents of the 2 sponsoring organizations should appoint a committee to study the school situation and report to the body relative to the advisability of proposing either to the Mayor, City Council or School Board a Citizens' Advisory Committee. The Journal story on March 17 stated inaccurately that the committee was instructed to petition the Mayor and City Council for such a committee. The Journal also was incorrect in calling this an "Integrationist" meeting, since many moderates were present. Fifty or sixty people attended the meeting. Mr. Martin reported that there were numerous people present who had not participated in this concern earlier.

Membership: Mr. Beckman recommended that Mrs. Neil Spahr be invited to join the KAC of HR. He felt she would be able to influence the owner of the Journal to take a fairer attitude toward human relations activities.

Ministers Workshop: Dr. Proudfoot reported on progress of plans for the second Workshop on Human Relations on May 11. The Workshop will emphasize study and discussion in small groups centering around these 4 topics: (1) The Biblical Bases of Human Relations; (2) The Church Examines Itself; (3) The Church and the Public School Issue; (4) The Church and Community Relations.

Hospital Desegregation: The letter to Sister Annunciata, as revised by Mr. McCarthy, was presented. Miss Killeffer suggested omitting the reference to Ft. Sanders for two reasons: (1) The appeal to the Sisters as one leading out is weakened by it; (2) Ft. Sanders may not be able to take Negro patients immediately upon completion of the new building, since the old building will then have to be renovated. (She affirmed her confidence, however, that it is Ft. Sanders intention to take Negro patients

as soon as practicable.) It was agreed to omit the second from the last paragraph. It was suggested that the phrase "the undying gratitude of the Negro citizens" be broadened.

Dr. Mertens said that having a minister (i.e., Dr. Crutcher) of another faith to approach the Sister might raise a religious block. He suggested two Roman Catholic doctors.

By common consent it was decided to ask Dr. James A. Colston to be one of the signers of the letter and to ask Dr. Crutcher to suggest another Negro citizen to sign.

Color Slide Set: MSP (Proudfoot, Alexander) that the Council proceed with plans to prepare a set of colored slides along the lines of "There's Nothing New About Being Fair" and "Is It Fair?"; that the Executive Committee ask some member of the Council to take the assignment of making arrangements for Mr. Beckman and others to take the pictures.

"Is It Fair?" It was agreed to go ahead with the preparation of "Is It Fair?", with some alterations.

Housing: Recently a real estate man reported to be offering for sale to a Negro a home in a white neighborhood received a letter threatening violence. Attention was called to a pamphlet which was used in Pittsburgh "Panic Can Wreck Your Neighborhood". Mr. Strauss felt it might be broadening the Council's efforts too far to move into this area. Others felt this was a potential area of trouble in Knoxville which the Council should be preparing quietly to deal with. Mr. McCord said he fears that the Council would create hostility by bringing this issue to public attention before it becomes a public question in the minds of most people. Others replied that what was being suggested was the assembling of information for use when needed. It was agreed that the Executive Committee set up a committee to do this; Dr. Harvey agreed to serve as Chairman.

Announcements: Mr. Martin announced that he would call on certain members to help him prepare the community profile.

Mr. Martin reported that work has been done toward correcting discrimination in the AAA school safety patrol trip to Washington, D.C. It was not possible to get Negro students included this year, but groundwork has been laid for next year.

A City Decides (film about St. Louis) was shown to the McCalla Avenue School last week with favorable results.

Mr. Martin reported that the NCCJ expects to be able to send two representatives to the National Police Institute in May. Mr. Sinclair reminded the Council of the talk by Mr. George Dempster on the work of the Tennessee

Advisory Committee to the (National) Commission on Civil Rights - the talk to be given Friday, March 20, at 8:00 p.m. at Lawson-McGhee Library.

Mr. Alexander read a communication asking that a representative go to Atlanta for a Southwide conference of Religious Leaders sponsored by NAACP on April 29-30. No representative was appointed, but interested individuals were urged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned.

C.M. Proudfoot,
Acting Secretary

April 3, 1959

Mr. Galen Martin
Staff Secretary
Knoxville Area Human Relations Council
Room 606 Empire Building
Knoxville 1, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

Yes, the Council does expect to get some reprints of Pogo and the Speakeasy Schools. We will send a copy or two along when we receive them.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Mr. John Constable
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Dear John:

The now famous minutes of the February 4th CCD Mass Media Committee said that the Southern Regional Council -- along with others -- is publishing a reprint of Pogo and the Speakeasy Schools.

I would like to see a sample copy of that whenever it is available. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Galen

Galen Martin,
Staff Secretary

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACT AWARDS TO KNOXVILLE FIRMS
from November 24, 1955 through April, 1959

Firm	Product	Amount	& Approximate Date
C. B. Atkins Co. (400 1/) Harvey Street, N.E. & plant 2501 Bragg N. W.	Furniture	$ 55,716	(2-58)
	Furniture		
Camen Manufacturing Co. (250) 329 S. Central Street	Tarpaulins	748,467	(6-58)
	Tents	89,152	(6-58)
	Tents & Canvass Covers	2,107,106	(2-58)
	Tents	129,412	(7-57)
Dempster Brothers (480) Springdale Avenue	Refuse Containers	276,652	(6-58)
	Hoisting Units	94,425	(6-58)
	Truck Parts	29,065	(2-58)
	Hoisting Units	41,355	(7-57)
	Refuse Containers	136,965	(3-57)
Dobbs Industries 111½ Fort Sanders St., NW	Raincoats	916,000	(6-58)
	Raincoats	77,438	(2-58)
Knoxville Iron Co. (250-500) 1943 Tennessee Avenue, NW	Steel Angles	46,837	(6-58)
	Steel Angles	33,733	(11-57)
John Owenbey Co., Inc. 516 Dale Ave., NW & Fort Sanders St. NW	Army Trousers & Navy Peacoats (This contract provides employment for 100 or more through mid-1959)	2,920,688	(about 7-58)
	Cotton Jackets	633,501	(6-58)
	Army Trousers	853,128	(2-58)
Southern Athletic Co. Inc (950) 111 Fort Sanders St. NW	Army Coats (This contract provides employment for 410 people)	1,889,000	(10-58)
	Men's Peacoats	720,000	(2-58)
	Jackets	1,980,000	(7-57)
Southern Aviation Mfg. Co. 111 Fort Sanders St., NW	Cotton Coats	180,410	(2-58)
Wynn Enterprises Inc. 516 Dale Avenue, NW	Cotton Trousers	834,150	(11-56)
Brooks Fisher Insulating Co. 1614 Island Home Avenue, SE	Insulation for TVA	454,424	(8-58)
		47,656	(9-58)
		64,656	(2-59)
		63,698	(1-59)
Camel Mfg. Co.	Cotton duck paulins	224,509	(2-59)
Dempster Brothers, Inc	Refuse Containers, etc	20,343	(2-59)
Dobbs Industries, Inc.	Cold weather hoods	171,749	(2-59)
	Jacket Liners	139,888	(2-59)
Knoxville Iron	Steel angles	34,826	(2-59)
	Carbon steel bars	75,780	(2-59)
John Owenby	Wool peacoats	585,865	(2-59)
Southern Athletic Co.	Army Trousers (provides employment for 200 for a year)	2,800,000	(4-59)

SOURCE: Compiled from Tennessee Industrial Newsletter, published monthly by the Tennessee Industrial and Agricultural Development Commission.

1/ This figure indicates total number of employees according to 1957-58 Directory of Tennessee Industries.

This list is as complete as possible, but does not include all contracts.

WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

A Sermon Delivered at

TENNESSEE VALLEY UNITARIAN CHURCH

3219 KINGSTON PIKE

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

by

Reverend Robert West, Minister

MAY 17, 1959

Today is May seventeenth. Exactly five years ago -- on May 17, 1954 -- the Supreme Court of the United States delivered the opinion holding that segregation of children in public schools on the basis of race is unconstitutional. Five years have passed since that momentous decision was announced. During that time, much has happened...and much has not happened. I would like us to use these few moments to "center down" on what has happened in Knoxville during those five years...and on what has not happened here. I would like to survey briefly the high points of the history in Knoxville concerning public school desegregation during the five years that have elapsed since segregation was declared to be unlawful. A simple review of events during the last five years might help our present perspective...help us better to evaluate current happenings and our possible part in them.

The decision of the United States Supreme Court on May 17, 1954, held that segregation of Negro children in public schools solely on the basis of race deprives them of equal educational opportunities...generates a feeling of inferior status...retards their educational and mental development...and thus deprives them of the equal protection guaranteed by our constitution. The court held that the doctrine of separate but equal schools has no place in the field of public education...that separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.

More than a year later, on May 31, 1955, the Supreme Court rendered another unanimous decision implementing the first one. The court reaffirmed its earlier opinion that racial discrimination in public education is unconstitutional. The court placed upon local school authorities the primary responsibility for elucidating, assessing, and solving local problems. It said that local courts will have to decide whether school authorities act in good faith. Schools should be open to all on a non-discriminatory basis as soon as practicable. Mere disagreement with constitutional principles cannot be a valid reason for refusing to comply with the law. The court required school authorities to make a prompt and reasonable start toward full compliance. It recognized that once a start had been made, additional time might be necessary because of administrative problems...but it ordered that Negro pupils be admitted to non-segregated public schools with all deliberate speed.

About five weeks later, on July 8, 1955, seventeen Negro parents petitioned the Knoxville school board to abolish segregation in Knoxville schools. The board had already issued a statement saying it hoped a proposed plan of action would be forthcoming within a very short time.

Three weeks later, it was announced that Negro and white school principals had been meeting with city school officials to discuss problems involved in desegregating Knoxville schools. Superintendent Johnston said the administrative staff hoped to present to the school board as soon as possible a proposed plan of operation.

Three weeks after that, the county and city school boards issued statements saying there would be no desegregation of schools in the coming year. The county board said it planned a prompt and reasonable start on its quest of an equitable solution to the integration problem. It said a careful study would be made and the entire community would be acquainted with the progress of this study. The city board said it would act in good faith and would proceed in an orderly manner to make a prompt and reasonable start in desegregating the public schools of Knoxville. This was in 1955.

In January of 1956, the city school board assured a Negro P.T.A. member that the board would not attempt to evade the Supreme Court desegregation order. The board chairman said that while there hadn't been a definite formula published, plans were going ahead and would be made public as soon as possible.

On May 14, 1956, the board announced that it did not believe both races were yet ready for a definite plan and that delay would lessen the likelihood of unpleasant incidents. The board did report that the superintendent and his staff, including all principals, school administrators and supervisors had studied many plans and procedures for desegregation.

Three weeks later, Knoxville Negroes petitioned the school board not to delay desegregation. The Negroes said a lawsuit would be brought only after every honorable means within a reasonable time had been exhausted. The N.A.A.C.P. said that if the school board would take a positive approach instead of a negative one, school desegregation would be successful.

Four days later, a Negro minister representing several organizations asked the board to reconsider its decision to delay indefinitely formulating and inaugurating a desegregation plan. He said there did not seem to be justifiable reasons for further delay. When the board chairman asked the other members if they had any comments, they were silent. When a Negro asked about their silence, they passed a motion to answer the petition with a "No".

In September of that year, fourteen Negro students applied for and were refused admission to schools nearest their homes. There had been sinister threats of violence concerning this event, but when city police appeared at the schools with the Negroes, no incidents occurred. This is a good illustration of the importance of cooperation by city officials and the vital role played by adequate law enforcement in avoiding violence. It is of interest that prior to the application of these Negro children, some school board members had suggested off the record to Negro leaders that a friendly suit be brought to obtain a court order.

On January 8, 1957, a suit was filed in Federal Court asking that the school board and other school officials be enjoined from denying any pupil admission to any Knoxville public school solely on the ground of race or color. The court set January 21 as the deadline for the board to file its answer. When January 21 arrived, the board's attorney requested and received an extension of the deadline to March 22. When March 22 arrived, the board requested and received an extension of the deadline to May 21. On May 17, the board requested and received an extension of the deadline to July 3. The reasons given by the board attorney were that he didn't get to the case until later than he had expected and that school officials were bogged down with end-of-school work.

At about the same time, word was leaked to the newspapers concerning eight possible integration plans that school officials had been studying before the court suit was entered. The plans varied from one beginning with all twelve grades simultaneously to one beginning at the first grade and including one new grade each year.

On June 28, 1957, the board finally answered the suit by asking the court to delay granting the request for integration. The board contended that it could best judge how and when to desegregate and that the court should not interfere as long as the board in good faith intended to desegregate sometime in the future. The board said that Negroes did not want the suit filed or prosecuted. It was noted that sometime after June, 1955, four people were sent to Evansville, Indiana, to study the way desegregation had been handled there...and that the Knoxville school superintendent had held twelve or fifteen meetings in 1956 to discuss desegregation with all school principals.

In December of 1957, the school board received an additional extension of time. The Negroes had asked that a trial date be set in January, but the board attorney asked that the three newly elected board members be granted as much time as possible to work out a plan to comply with the Supreme Court decision. Then, in July, of last year, the board attorney said he was thinking of trying to get the suit dismissed because the three new members had not been specifically named by the Negroes as defendents. And the following month he did file a motion asking for dismissal on that very technicality. He said that if Judge Taylor did not dismiss the suit, then a plan for integrating the schools would be presented.

About two months ago, on February 6, Judge Taylor heard the arguments on the motion to dismiss and took it under advisement. The Negroes were given ten days to file a reply brief and the board was given twenty days. The Negroes filed their reply brief on February 16. The board attorney requested and received an extension of time and finally filed his reply brief on April 25, about three weeks ago. After the hearing on February 6, the board attorney said that he intended to take the technicality to the United States Supreme Court if Judge Taylor ruled against the Board. This would delay for some time the actual trial of case on its merits.

And so, briefly, that is the history of school desegregation in Knoxville during the five years since May 17, 1954. Judge Taylor now has under advisement the motion to dismiss the suit on a technicality and he will render his decision on that motion at whatever time he chooses. The

school board has remained as tight-lipped as possible throughout this entire affair. They have not taken the public into their confidence or attempted to establish lines of communication on this common problem. They have done nothing to educate the community during these five years -- which everyone with experience knows is the key to a peaceful and sane solution. When concerned citizens attempt to communicate with school board members they say only the chairman can speak on the matter. The chairman in turn says that he cannot speak for the entire board, so he refuses to talk. The chairman also is fond of saying that he can say nothing and do nothing because the matter is now in the hands of the court. This simply is not true. The school board can present a plan for school desegregation at any time it desires. It can put into practice such a plan at any moment it wishes. The school board does not have to await any court action before moving to prepare for and carry out school desegregation. The responsibility for developing and instituting a plan of desegregation is now and always has been upon the local school board.

It seems to me that the facts of the last five years are not very complimentary to the Knoxville school board. It seems to me that the moral position of the board is highly questionable. What about its statement four years ago that it hoped a proposed plan would be forthcoming within a very short time? And its statement in 1955 that it would act in good faith and would proceed in an orderly manner to make a prompt and reasonable start in desegregating the public schools of Knoxville? What about its statement in January, 1956, that plans were going ahead and would be made public as soon as possible? Has the board done anything since sending four people to Indiana in 1955 and holding a dozen staff meetings in 1956? How does the board justify its attorney saying in August that a plan will be presented if the motion is dismissed on a technicality involving the delay that was granted? How does the board justify its attorney saying in August that a plan will be presented if the motion is dismissed and then saying in February that if the motion is dismissed it will appeal to the Supreme Court? How can board members reconcile a "friendly suit" with the kind of tactics they have been using? What about the county school board's statement four years ago that a careful study would be made and the entire community acquainted with the progress of that study?

How does the Knoxville school board reconcile its profession of good faith with the facts of its inaction and calculated delaying tactics? What are they waiting for? Are they waiting for the new Webb School to be finished so that they and their friends can send their children there -- and thus weaken even further the public school system for which they are responsible? Is the school justified in spending thousands of dollars to take a technicality to the Supreme Court and merely postpone for a couple of years its inevitable compliance with the law? Is the school board justified in buying all this time and in turn wasting it through misuse and inaction? Doesn't it seem peculiar that the very men who complain the loudest about federal intervention and dictation are the same people who are deliberately handing over to a federal court their function of deciding what kind of plan will be instituted in desegregating Knoxville public schools? The very same people who talk so much about local initiative are the ones who are deliberately giving away that initiative to the federal court. They probably think they are playing politics, but I say they are playing fast and loose with public money and public welfare...with our children's education and their own moral responsibility. It might be well for our school board members to reconsider some of the wording in the law as described by the Supreme Court -- wording such as that placing primary responsibility upon local school authorities...wording such as "good faith" and "in the public interest" and "prompt and reasonable start toward full compliance" and "earliest practicable date" and "all deliberate speed."

I don't think it would hurt for us as individual citizens to help the school board remember some of these things and its function in serving the public interest. It would be well for us as individuals to let board members know how we feel. For much of the school tragedy in Virginia was caused by public officials running away with the ball...misevaluating how people really felt about their schools and their money and their children. Communication between the public and board members is of vital importance.

The title of this sermon is What Would Jesus Do? That title came into being as a result of my attending an interdenominational church meeting Monday evening. The subject of the meeting was the church and human relations -- and about a hundred people were present. During the meeting, someone asked that question: "What would Jesus do?"...and the words stuck in my mind throughout the evening and afterwards. It is a question Christians are fond of asking as a guide for conduct. It is a question our school board members would do well to ask themselves.

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New Factories Thing of Past In Little Rock

Not a Single Plant Has Moved In Since Racial Violence Rocked Central High; Loss Estimated at $1 Million

By GARRY FULLERTON, Education News Editor

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Five new industrial plants, worth a million dollars and employing a total of 300 persons—that's what Little Rock has probably lost because of its school crisis.

Businessmen lined up solidly behind the recent campaign to oust three extreme segregationists from the Little Rock school board. They did it because they were outraged as citizens by the "purge" of 44 of the city's best teachers. But another reason for their actions lay in this one ugly fact:

Since September, 1957, when desegregation violence at Central high school made Little Rock the center of world attention, not a single new factory has located in that city.

Based on recent experience, if 1958 had been a typical year, Little Rock might have welcomed five new plants, with a total value of $1 million and employing 300 persons. Actually, it could well have been more than this, since the city was developing an industrial boom before the school crisis struck.

"We don't say it's all because of the school business," said Everett Tucker Jr., secretary and executive director of the Little Rock Industrial Development company. "There may be other factors, too. But you don't just all of a sudden run up against a blank wall like that."

Little Rock Industry

Year	No. of New Plants	Value	No. of New Jobs	No. of Expansions	Value	No. of Jobs
1950	7	$ 835,000	143	6	$2,110,000	...
1951	7	945,000	255	3	475,000	...
1952	6	295,000	163	9	2,150,000	...
1953	2	100,000	30	7	820,000	...
1954	3	1,350,000	150	1	500,000	...
1955	5	1,393,000	565	8	1,250,000	194
1956	2	325,000	70	8	1,350,000	212
1957	8	3,092,000	1002	3	913,985	70
September, 1957—Trouble at Central high school						
1958		NONE		1	325,000	50
1959		NONE		1	268,000	...

These figures were furnished by the Little Rock Industrial Development company. The plant values and the numbers of employees are mainly estimates, particularly in more recent years.

Attended Tennessee Schools

Tucker, a lean, square-jawed man of 46, occupies a smallish, blueprint-cluttered office above the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce. On the wall, along with large scale maps of Little Rock and Pulaski county, hangs a diploma from Washington and Lee university which he attended after graduating from Webb school, Bell Buckle, Tenn., and Sewanee Military academy.

Sucking on a pipe, he pawed through a pile of papers, came up with a large ledger book.

"Here it is," he said, "the record of new plants and plant expansions since 1950. We were really beginning to go great guns when this thing hit us. Now we hardly even get any inquiries."

Tucker was manager of the industrial department of the Chamber of Commerce from 1949 until last December when he resigned to run for the school board. He is the leader of the "moderate" faction on the board, victors in last Monday's recall election.

"We located eight new plants here in the first eight months of 1957," he said. "Since then nothing."

Offers Proof

But is there any actual proof that the plants are staying away because of the school situation?

He rummaged in a file cabinet, pulled out a letter from the Harry W. Dietert company of Detroit, manufacturers of tools for foundaries.

"This is one we had practically signed up," he said. "They were all set to move down here last year, but look at this letter."

Dated October 8, 1958 and signed by D. L. Buss, president of the company, the letter read in part:

"Our board of directors has made the decision to remain in our present location for a period of at least three years.

"As you know, from our previous discussions, certain key employes' reluctance to leave the Detroit area made it almost impossible to move. The wives of these employees played a prominent part in their decision not to move to Little Rock. The adverse publicity given your area on the 'school issue' was certainly no help to our cause."

Tucker rummaged again.

"Here's a note a Chicago industrial engineering firm got from one of its clients," he said. "They are specialists in plant location and apparently were selecting a plant site for this large company. I don't know who it is."

Hands Over Note

He handed over a note which read:

"You may dismiss———— (name of a city) from consideration. Our contacts with Arkansas have given us an unfavorable opinion of that state in comparison with Tennessee, Mississippi or Missouri. We have no desire to be involved in the segregation problems current in that state."

Little Rock has many advantages to offer industry, a trained labor market, reasonable taxes, good power sources, and excellent transportation, but closed schools and racial tension cancel out all of these.

"I think the big thing has been the general uncertainty of the situation," said Frank Cantrell, manager of the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce. "Certainly something has halted industrial growth in Little Rock for the past couple of years."

Affects Whole State

Little Rock's troubles also have affected industrial development in the rest of the state, Cantrell said, though not to the same extent.

"But when your largest metropolitan area in the state is hit by something like this, it can't help but affect the whole state," he said.

If all of this is true, why haven't the businessmen acted sooner and why hasn't the news come out?

The biggest reason, Tucker said, is that Little Rock is still being carried along by the momentum of past expansion.

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NEWSLETTER

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July, 1959 Knoxville Area Human Relations Council Box 1011, Knoxville, Tennessee

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS: STATEMENTS FROM LEADERS IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Martin R. Gainsbrough, Chief Economist, National Industrial Conference Board, said problems raised by public school integration issue in the southern states are having a definitely adverse effect on industrial plant location decisions. "I know this," he said, "because I sit in on meetings of various companies where these matters are discussed...I have heard them eliminate from further consideration areas which have this school problem, because of the friction involved in them and the difficulty of getting top personnel to move to such places with their children." Gainsbrough said big company discussions of school problems as a consideration in plant locations are off the record, for the businessmen fear economic repercussions if the proceedings were made public. (Atlanta Constitution, February 27, 1959)

Everett Tucker, Jr., industrial director of Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, said Little Rock's integration dispute "is going to set our industrial program back considerably...Now - and for the unpredictable future - whenever the subject comes to mind of an industry planning a Southern plant, it will immediately think of Little Rock as a 'hotbed' of segregation..." (Arkansas Gazette, September 7, 1957)

Cooper Green, vice-president in charge of industrial development for the Alabama Power Company, said he has no doubt that responsible industry is reluctant to locate in Alabama while there is the prospect of trouble from racial difficulties. "No industry wants to move into a troubled area." (Birmingham Post-Herald, February 6, 1957)

William P. Engel, former chairman of the Birmingham, Alabama Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100, said that the principal reason expanding industry is by-passing Alabama is publicity resulting from racial problems in Birmingham and Montgomery. "We must face up to our own deficiencies. The hoodlumism here has hit headlines throughout the nation. As a result, we have lost one major plant in Birmingham and several smaller installations." (Birmingham Post-Herald, February 6, 1957)

Ellis Arnall, former governor of Georgia; former executive, Society of Inudstrial Motion Picture Producers, Industrial Film Producers Export Corporation, charged that Georgia's present political leaders are "committed to the largest lockout...the largest wave of unemployment" in the history of any state by thinking of closing the schools. (Atlanta Journal, April 15, 1959)

Frank W. Cantrell, manager, Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce, said there was no doubt that bad publicity over the school situation had slowed down Arkansas' industrial program. (Atlanta Constitution, October 24, 1958)

Little Rock, Arkansas Chamber of Commerce endorsed by a vote of 819 to 245 the reopening of public high schools under a system of controlled integration, in a mail poll conducted by Chamber officials. (Arkansas Gazette, March 3, 1959)

Dr. Charles H. Carpenter, Industrial Engineering Consultant to the Arkansas Development Commission, declared that Governor Orval Faubus' actions in the desegregation controversy had cost Arkansas thousands of jobs. He said the situation "means the loss of large, substantial industries which might otherwise have come to Arkansas." (Arkansas Gazette, October 3, 1957)

Clifford M. Clarke, Jr., executive vice-presidnet, Associated Industries of Georgia: "There can be no industry without good schools." (Atlanta Constitution, December 2, 1958)

Dr. F. Douglas Lawrason, provost for medical affairs, University of Arkansas: "The University Medical Center, being within the community of Little Rock, could not help but be affected by the public school problem there.

I think it would be only fair to say that because of this complicating social change, the Medical Center has had its faculty recruitment program brought to a virtual standstill. So many of the persons we approach and invite to join the faculty are diverted by the events that have been taking place in the community." (Arkansas Gazette, January 16, 1959)

Opie L. Shelton, executive vice-president, Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce: "Boycotts, economic reprisals, the possibility of abandoning our public schools, incidents of violence, irresponsible statements - these are new factors which will now be given consideration by industry and business when they consider a Southern location." (New South, May 1956)

Ivan Allen, Jr., immediate past president, Georgia State Chamber of Commerce and Atlanta businessman: "To abandon public education is to secede from the economic life of the nation." (Atlanta Journal, December 10, 1958)

O. B. Newton, Jr., Vice-president and Sales Manager, C. B. Fleet Co., Inc., Lynchburg, Va.: "Within the past few weeks the President of one of our colleges has told me of the loss of a good faculty member - a parent of school age children - who has moved away from Virginia because of the public school situation. Prospective replacements have expressed a disinclination to move into a community where there is a possibility free public schools may not be available for their children.

"Two of our most recently acquired industries have, within the past few weeks, expressed themselves to the effect Virginia would not even have been considered as a location for a new plant had there not been the guaranteed certainty of a free public school system for the children of their employees." (Before the House Privileges and Elections Committee, General Assembly, Richmond, Va., April 17, 1959)

Paul Schweitzer, president, Layne-Atlantic Company and chairman, Norfolk School Board: "How can you get an industry to import high priced men into a community which has no schools for their children to attend?" (New South, November, 1958)

John W. Landis, Assistant Manager, The Babcock and Wilcox Company, Lynchburg, Va. "The Babcock and Wilcox Company, as one of the new and growing organizations in the community, considers it obvious that we would have trouble securing and retaining qualified technical personnel if the public schools were closed." (April 16, 1959)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND
THE ECONOMY OF VIRGINIA

(Excerpts from a talk by Dr. Louis T. Rader, General Manager, Special Control Dept., General Electric Co., Waynesboro Virginia, speaking as a member of the Advisory Board of the Virginia Committee for Public Schools, March 15, 1959 at Thomas Jefferson High School Auditorium, Richmond, Virginia).

"I was glad to accept the opportunity to talk to you today because I feel strong personal concern about the school situation. I was also glad to accept the opportunity because I am convinced that businessmen, like myself, should stand up and be heard....In my opinion, the manager of a modern business organization has ever-widening responsibilities to his community, his state, and his nation. This includes responsibility in educational affairs, as business, education, and the community come to a greater realization of their mutual concerns....

"A strong system of public education is very important among those factors that attract new industry into a state and that keep industry already here from moving away....

"There is no doubt that the education climate and the business climate are interdependent. To this I can attest by my own experience, for I was personally responsible for the selection of Virginia as the location of one of General Electric's new plants. . .

"Unless we face up to solving problems of this type, the public school system will be injured, and with it, the future of Virginia will be in danger. We will then be in the position of having committed economic suicide, for the school situation can be the Achilles' heel of Virginia's economy....

(The statements by Business and Industrial leaders were compiled by the Southern Regional Council of Atlanta, Georgia. More detailed information on this subject is available from the Knoxville Area Human Relations Council).

New Factories Thing of Past

(Continued From Page One)

"We haven't begun to feel this thing yet," he said. "After all, the plants which decided to locate here in 1957 are still being built or have just been completed. Business is good here. All the economic indices show it. Bank debits and bank clearings are up over last year. So are electricity consumption, gas consumption, building permits, employment, retail trade and express shipments.

"It's hard to get people excited when business is good. But what they don't realize is what's going to happen a year from now."

Another reason the news has not come out, he said, is that Chamber of Commerce people are congenital optimists, " and in any case, when you're trying to attract industry, you don't go around advertising the fact that nobody is locating in your town."

"However," he added, "I've come to the conclusion that the time has come to take the bull by the horns and tell the people the facts."

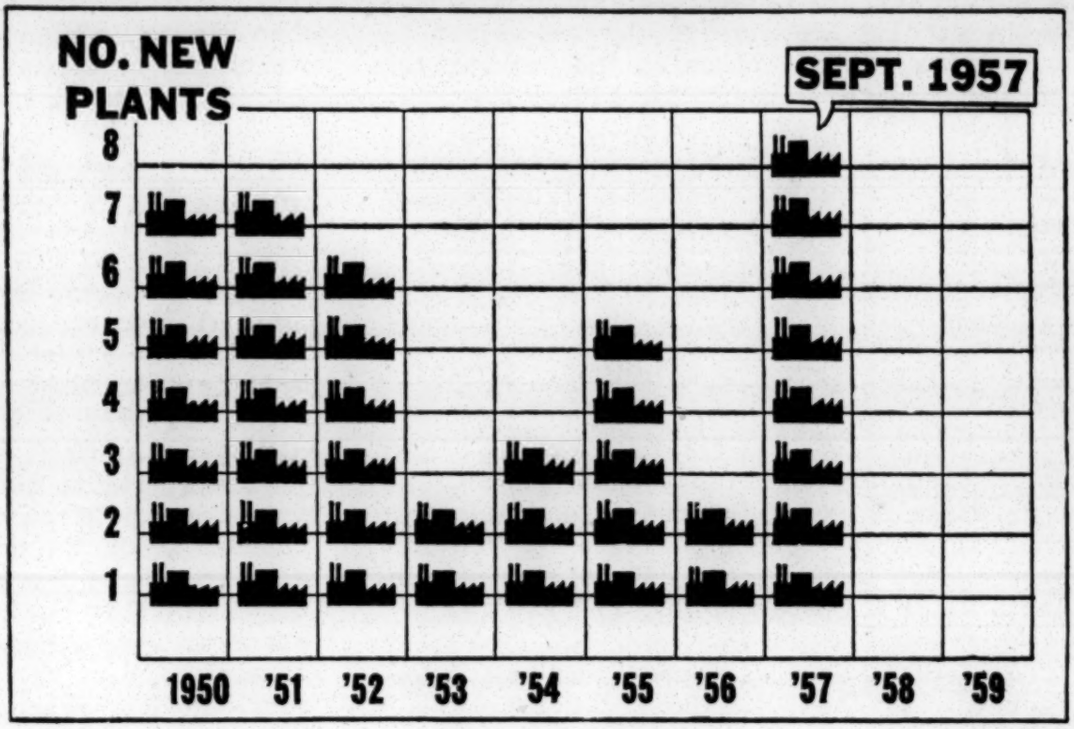
Faubus No. 1 Target

Arkansas businessmen, particularly if they have to deal at all with state agencies, are not eager to comment on the school situation in public. Privately, however, they give vent to their pent up bitterness, much of it directed against Gov. Orval Faubus.

"It's going to take us years to repair the damage this man has done to our town," saidd one. "Just go up in Pulaski Heights, and in nearly every block you'll see at least one house for sale. People don't want to live here if it means they have to send their children away to school in other states."

Another business executive, in a different line, said bluntly he feels Little Rock is being "taken for a ride" on school desegregation.

Little Rock Batting Zero



—Staff drawing

This chart shows the decline in industrial ac tivity in Little Rock since racial troubles began at Central high school in September 1957.

"The rest of the South tells us: 'Fight to the last ditch. We know we can count on you. Don't be traitors.'", he said. "But their high schools are not closed. And meanwhile cities like Nashville and Charlotte and Greensboro are making minimum adjustments to the situation and getting by. Nobody calls them traitors.

"I say the hell with it. Why should Little Rock bleed and die for Memphis and Vicksburg and Montgomery?"

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TWO AND ONE HALF-YEAR OLD DESEGREGATION SUIT IN DOUBT, NEW SUIT MAY BE ENTERED

Several lternative courses of action are available to the student plaintiffs and to the Knoxville Board of Education following the June 1 order of Judge Robert L. Taylor which left in doubt the two and a half-year old suit to enjoin the school Board and other school officials from denying pupils admission to public schools on the ground of race or color. The judge's order removed three former board members as defendants and refused to permit substitution of the new board members. This leaves only two Board members listed as defendants and raises questions as to whether or not the suit can be maintained.

The judge did not specifically rule on the question of whether or not the Board is a continuing body, as argued in hearings Feb. 6. Attorneys for the plaintiffs contended that a school board is a corporate, continuing entity whose changes in membership have no influence on litigation filed against it, and that it was not necessary to substitute the names of new board members after their election in November 1957.

The Knoxville Journal for June 3, said, "It was not known for certain last night whether the Negro lawyers could appeal the judge's two-page interlocutory order, but the feeling was an appeal could be filed. However, it was felt that the shorter course would be to file a completely new suit."

After some School Board members suggested a "friendly" suit, 14 Negro students applied for and were refused admission to schools nearest their homes in September 1956. Following entry of the suit in January 1957, the school board obtained three extensions of time before filing an answer saying they needed more time.

Asked Time to Work Out Plan

When the court docket was sounded December 3, 1957, the News Sentinel said, "New members of Knoxville Board of Education have been given additional time to work out a city school integration plan....Frank Fowler, attorney for the board, asked that the three new Board members who were elected last month, 'be granted as much time as possible to work out a plan to comply with the U.S. Supreme Court decision.'"

In the summer of 1958, the Board attorney began efforts to have suit dismissed on the technical grounds that the new board members names were not substituted within 6 months.

PROGRESS MADE IN HOSPITAL DESEGREGATION

Those who would like to see the hospitals of the Knoxville area open to all citizens without racial barriers, could take encouragement from two events that occurred in May. The first came when the Knoxville City Council leased the Rosenwald Wing of old General Hospital to a private group for use as a convalescent hospital. The lease contrac specifically provides that the hospital will be open to "all citizens of Knoxville." The group which leased the building agreed to such a provision after it was requested by groups of Negro citizens.

When a Negro physician, Dr. Lee L. Williams, asked if he would be allowed to attend a patient there, the Council stated that he would be. (Not all hospitals which accept Negro patients admit Negro physicians to practice).

Non-discrimination at local hospitals was again spot-lighted as the Shriners of the area conducted their annual drive for the support of East Tennessee Children's Hospital in Knoxville. The publication "Shrine Hospital News", which was widely distributed on the streets of cities in the area, carried an article with the headline, "Child's Race, Creed or Color Makes No Difference in Aid From Shriners". The article commented: "To a Shriner a crippled child is someone that is in need of help--and nothing else matters." The paper also carried pictures of the facilities at the hospital being utilized on an integrated basis.

At present, the University of Tennessee Hospital is the only general hospital in Knoxville which admits Negro adult patients.

KNOXVILLE POLICEMAN ATTENDS INSTITUTE

A Knoxville police officer attended the nation-wide Institute on Police-Community Relations at Michigan State University, May 24-29 because of the interest and efforts of the Knoxville Roundtable of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The police officer was Capt. Harry Huskisson, in charge of the Police Department Juvenile Crime Prevention Bureau. The local Roundtable proposed the project to city authorities, made all the necessary arrangements, and secured the funds to pay the delegate's expenses.

The institute was sponsored by Michigan State University with the cooperation of the NCCJ, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and other organizations. Its purpose was to improve relationships between police and community agencies. Prominent speakers addressed themselves to such topics as "Elements of Misunderstanding," "The Psychology of Rumor," "Police-Press Relations," "Racial Factors in Law Enforcement," and "Minority Groups and Police-Community Relations."

JUNIOR SCIENTISTS PRACTICE NON-DISCRIMINATION

An organization which has been operating on an integrated basis in the Knoxville area for nearly two years without fanfare is the Junior Academy of Science. This is a group of high school students who are sufficiently interested in science to come together voluntarily two evenings each month for discussion of scientific subjects. The group also does some serious laboratory experiments and takes occasional field trips.

From the beginning, the young people themselves wanted an organization for which an interest included young people from both white and Negro schools.

Currently the Junior Academy is conducting a series of discussions on Science and Society. The series began on May 11 with a panel on "Race: a Scientific View". The discussion on May 25 was on "Alcohol" and the one on June 8 on "Our Dwindling Resources". The public is invited to these meetings, which are held at the Education Building Auditorium at 7:30 P.M. on the second and fourth Mondays.

Adult advisors of the Academy are Mr. Arthur Jones of the UT Zoology Dept., and Mr. Herman S. Forest.

10th ANNUAL INTER-RACIAL DAY CAMP ANNOUNCED FOR JULY 13-24

The Day Camp for children from 3 through 12 years of age sponsored annually by Fellowship House of Knoxville will be held this year July 13-24, it has been announced by Mrs. June Cascante, Camp Director. The Camp, which is inter-racial and non-sectarian, will be held again this year on the campus of Knoxville College.

The deadline for registration is July 6. Campers whose registrations are received after that date cannot be assured of a place in the Camp, Mrs. Cascante said, since it has become necessary to limit enrollment to 125.

The Camp this year will feature the theme of International Friendship. Sports and handcrafts will be provided as in past years. A special feature of the Camp will be an overnight camping experience in the Smoky Mountains.

Mrs. Cascante stressed that counselors are still needed: Junior Counselors must be 15 or older, while Senior Counselors should be of college age or older. Others can help to provide this experience of inter-racial fellowship for boys and girls of Knoxville by lending equipment and providing transportation for the overnight trip. Volunteers should call Mrs. Cascante at 8-9808. The Director also said that the staff is desirous of enrolling more older white campers this year.

"INTEGRATION, WHY?" GIVES CATHOLIC TEACHING ON RACE

The Catholic teaching on racial justice is discussed by Father John La Farge, S. J., in a pamphlet called "Integration Why?" recently published for the Catholic Interracial Council of New York. Father La Farge affirms a two-fold basis for the Catholic teaching on race.

Referring to Catholic institutions that refuse admission to Negroes, Father La Farge states, "Its denial of admission to persons because of their race or color would be a denial of its own basic principles as a Catholic body." He added that such denials are rapidly becoming an exception and that "Catholic advances on this question have been steady and most encouraging."

The KAHRC office will be glad to order copies of this pamphlet for anyone who requests them.

KNOXVILLE PASTOR, NEW BAPTIST HEAD, IS QUOTED ON BROTHERHOOD

Dr. Ramsey Pollard of Knoxville, recently elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, did not hesitate to answer questions about integration put to him by newsmen after his election. His comments have been widely quoted by the nation's press as evidence of a constructive and alert attitude among Southern Baptists toward current problems in race relations. We quote Dr. Pollard (who is pastor of the large Broadway Baptist Church in Knoxville) as his comments appeared in the News-Sentinel:

(In regard to the Supreme Court school desegregation decision), "Baptists have always been law abiding people. As long as that is the law of the land it should be obeyed....There are many localities where it will take some time for this law to be carried out and I think we must all use a lot of common sense and patience and Christian fortitude in solving this problem."

Asked whether he believed that enforced segregation in any area of life is "compatible with Christian teaching, "Dr. Pollard is quoted as replying that "in principle" he believes in complete racial brotherhood without artificial barriers, but to "go slow" toward this goal.

Other strong statements on this subject were made at the Louisville Convention of Southern Baptists by the retiring president, Brooks Hays, whose statements take on added interest for Knoxvillians in view of the fact that he is expected to move here soon to assume the duties of a Director of T.V.A., to which post he has recently been appointed.

Mr. Hays, making a strong plea for racial justice, said, "This part of the Christian gospel, and we must demonstrate that we believe it...."Whatever the individual Baptist thinks about legislative policy in this field, it is apparent that Scriptural support for state segregation laws cannot be claimed...." He said that Biblical research has disproved the old arguments that "existing patterns are divinely prescribed."

Pointing out that racial inequities in the U.S. are retarding missionary efforts abroad, Mr. Hays commented, "We cannot export what we do not have, and if our Christian devotions here are inadequate, our missionaries cannot transmit the Christian message to unsaved masses abroad."

HUMAN RELATIONS WORKSHOP TERMED "A SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE

More than one hundred persons, representing churches of many denominations, participated in the second Workshop on Human Relations sponsored by the Knoxville Ministerial Association at Church Street Methodist Church on May 11. The Rev. Tom Carriger, who headed the project, commented; "We feel that the Workshop was a significant advance in human relations in our area, first because of the number of Knoxville citizens who were enabled to sit down with members of another race and discuss this question in a Christian spirit. Many persons attended the Workshop who have not previously participated in human relations efforts in the community."

As a result of recommendations adopted by the Workshop, the Knoxville Ministerial Association is working on the idea of initiating a city-wide organization composed primarily of lay people to provide a continuing opportunity for interracial fellowship parallel to that which ministers have in the Knoxville Ministerial Association.

Another recommendation made by the Workshop is that small interracial study groups be formed. These might engage in Bible study or action in any area where there was a common interest.

The Workshop was divided into four discussion groups: I, The Biblical Basis of Human Relations; II, The Church Examines Itself; III, The Church and the Public School Issue; and IV, The Church and Community Relations. The reports of these groups have been duplicated and may be secured from the Rev. Lea Earl Acuff, Chaplain, Eastern State Hospital, 4322 Lyons View Pike (Phone 8-1321).

STUDENTS FROM UT AND KC PRODUCE PLAY

Students from the Westminster Fellowships at the University of Tennessee and Knoxville College have cooperated during the spring months on the production of a play, "Christ in the Concrete City." The play was given before 6 area church groups.

"Christ in the Concrete City" presents the contrast between the sacrificial ministry of Christ and the comfortable, conforming life of most modern Christians. Its implicit call to radical discipleship takes on a more pointed significance from the fact that the play is done with an inter-racial cast.

COUNCIL COMPILES CHRONOLOGY ON KNOXVILLE SCHOOL DESEGREGATION

The Knoxville Area Council of Human Relations has recently compiled a Chronology of school desegregation proceedings in Knoxville, beginning with the petition to the City Board of Education by seventeen Negro parents in July, 1955. It is documented by quotations from the court record and Knoxville newspaper reports.

It begins with the statements in 1955 from both the county and city boards that a prompt and reasonable start would be made, and ends with the filing of final briefs seeking dismissal on technical grounds in April 1959.

Copies of this three-page chronology may be obtained upon request to the Council, Box 1011, Knoxville 1, Tenn., or calling 4-0357.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE OPPOSES USE OF METHODIST BUILDINGS TO CIRCUMVENT DESEGREGATION ORDERS

The Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, meeting in Knoxville June 5, approved without opposition a recommendation that the church refuse to let its buildings be used as private schools if public schools are closed by states to circumvent court orders to begin desegregation.

The 1000 ministers and laymen approved proposals from the Converence Board of Christian Social Relations which included: "Realizing our obligations as Christian citizens to preserve law and order, we recommend that no church in Holston Conference allow its facilities to be used to circumvent the Supreme Court ruling on segregation in public schools."

Conference officials explained this meant no church buildings should be used as private schools, if states close public schools rather than comply with court orders.

Methodist Conferences Own Churches

The Holston Conference holds the legal ownership of the 1087 Methodist Church buildings in its area which ranges from Radford, Virginia to South Pittsburgh, Tennessee and includes Dade County, Georgia, near Chattanooga. The Holston Conference has the largest membership of any Methodist conference in the United States, and is believed to be the first to take such action to prevent use of its facilities to forestall school desegregation.

COUNCIL HAS "A CITY DECIDES" FOR SHOWING TO LOCAL GROUPS

"A City Decides," the dramatic film documentary of the integration of schools in St. Louis, has just been purchased by the KAHRC and will be available for showings in the Knoxville area upon request.

"A City Decides" was nominated in the documentary class for a Motion Picture Academy "Oscar" in 1957. It shows how the Board of Education of St. Louis, with the help of citizens and community organizations, carried out a policy of integration firmly and wisely. It revolves around a teacher who was directly faced with a "racial incident" in his class at Beaumont High School shortly after integration took place.

To program this film for your organization, call or write the Council office. A color leaflet describing the film is available, and the Council will be glad for program chairmen and other officers of local organizations to preview the film to judge for themselves the suitability of the film for their group.

Beginning in November 1958 the educational building of the Highland Methodist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, was used by the Private School Corporation for white 10th graders, but excluding Negroes.

The Holston Conference action affects such possible use of church property in 17 Southwestern Virginia counties and 33 East Tennessee counties.

Other recommendations from the Board of Christian Social Relations accepted by the Conference June 5, included:

"That leaders in district and local churches join with other community leaders in studying the implication of school integration and in adopting peaceful solutions to the problem.

"That all churches in neighborhoods known as areas of "transition or underprivilege" endeavor to serve their communities regardless of nationality, race, or social status. (Some Knoxville area churches have moved from "changing neighborhoods.")

"That local churches establish means of communication and cooperation with Negro congregations."

These and other recommendations grew out of an Interracial conference held at Morristown College February 5-7, sponsored by Bishops Roy H. Short and Edgar A. Love, and attended by more than 150 Methodists.

WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

A Sermon Delivered at

TENNESSEE VALLEY UNITARIAN CHURCH

3219 KINGSTON PIKE

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

by

Reverend Robert West, Minister

MAY 17, 1959

Today is May seventeenth. Exactly five years ago -- on May 17, 1954 -- the Supreme Court of the United States delivered the opinion holding that segregation of children in public schools on the basis of race is unconstitutional. Five years have passed since that momentous decision was announced. During that time, much has happened...and much has not happened. I would like us to use these few moments to "center down" on what has happened in Knoxville during those five years...and on what has not happened here. I would like to survey briefly the high points of the history in Knoxville concerning public school desegregation during the five years that have elapsed since segregation was declared to be unlawful. A simple review of events during the last five years might help our present perspective...help us better to evaluate current happenings and our possible part in them.

The decision of the United States Supreme Court on May 17, 1954, held that segregation of Negro children in public schools solely on the basis of race deprives them of equal educational opportunities...generates a feeling of inferior status...retards their educational and mental development...and thus deprives them of the equal protection guaranteed by our constitution. The court held that the doctrine of separate but equal schools has no place in the field of public education...that separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.

More than a year later, on May 31, 1955, the Supreme Court rendered another unanimous decision implementing the first one. The court reaffirmed its earlier opinion that racial discrimination in public education is unconstitutional. The court placed upon local school authorities the primary responsibility for elucidating, assessing, and solving local problems. It said that local courts will have to decide whether school authorities act in good faith. Schools should be open to all on a non-discriminatory basis as soon as practicable. Mere disagreement with constitutional principles cannot be a valid reason for refusing to comply with the law. The court required school authorities to make a prompt and reasonable start toward full compliance. It recognized that once a start had been made, additional time might be necessary because of administrative problems...but it ordered that Negro pupils be admitted to non-segregated public schools with all deliberate speed.

About five weeks later, on July 8, 1955, seventeen Negro parents petitioned the Knoxville school board to abolish segregation in Knoxville schools. The board had already issued a statement saying it hoped a proposed plan of action would be forthcoming within a very short time.

Three weeks later, it was announced that Negro and white school principals had been meeting with city school officials to discuss problems involved in desegregating Knoxville schools. Superintendent Johnston said the administrative staff hoped to present to the school board as soon as possible a proposed plan of operation.

Three weeks after that, the county and city school boards issued statements saying there would be no desegregation of schools in the coming year. The county board said it planned a prompt and reasonable start on its quest of an equitable solution to the integration problem. It said a careful study would be made and the entire community would be acquainted with the progress of this study. The city board said it would act in good faith and would proceed in an orderly manner to make a prompt and reasonable start in desegregating the public schools of Knoxville. This was in 1955.

In January of 1956, the city school board assured a Negro P.T.A. member that the board would not attempt to evade the Supreme Court desegregation order. The board chairman said that while there hadn't been a definite formula published, plans were going ahead and would be made public as soon as possible.

On May 14, 1956, the board announced that it did not believe both races were yet ready for a definite plan and that delay would lessen the likelihood of unpleasant incidents. The board did report that the superintendent and his staff, including all principals, school administrators and supervisors had studied many plans and procedures for desegregation.

Three weeks later, Knoxville Negroes petitioned the school board not to delay desegregation. The Negroes said a lawsuit would be brought only after every honorable means within a reasonable time had been exhausted. The N.A.A.C.P. said that if the school board would take a positive approach instead of a negative one, school desegregation would be successful.

Four days later, a Negro minister representing several organizations asked the board to reconsider its decision to delay indefinitely formulating and inaugurating a desegregation plan. He said there did not seem to be justifiable reasons for further delay. When the board chairman asked the other members if they had any comments, they were silent. When a Negro asked about their silence, they passed a motion to answer the petition with a "No".

In September of that year, fourteen Negro students applied for and were refused admission to schools nearest their homes. There had been sinister threats of violence concerning this event, but when city police appeared at the schools with the Negroes, no incidents occurred. This is a good illustration of the importance of cooperation by city officials and the vital role played by adequate law enforcement in avoiding violence. It is of interest that prior to the application of these Negro children, some school board members had suggested off the record to Negro leaders that a friendly suit be brought to obtain a court order.

On January 8, 1957, a suit was filed in Federal Court asking that the school board and other school officials be enjoined from denying any pupil admission to any Knoxville public school solely on the ground of race or color. The court set January 21 as the deadline for the board to file its answer. When January 21 arrived, the board's attorney requested and received an extension of the deadline to March 22. When March 22 arrived, the board requested and received an extension of the deadline to May 21. On May 17, the board requested and received an extension of the deadline to July 3. The reasons given by the board attorney were that he didn't get to the case until later than he had expected and that school officials were bogged down with end-of-school work.

At about the same time, word was leaked to the newspapers concerning eight possible integration plans that school officials had been studying before the court suit was entered. The plans varied from one beginning with all twelve grades simultaneously to one beginning at the first grade and including one new grade each year.

On June 28, 1957, the board finally answered the suit by asking the court to delay granting the request for integration. The board contended that it could best judge how and when to desegregate and that the court should not interfere as long as the board in good faith intended to desegregate sometime in the future. The board said that Negroes did not want the suit filed or prosecuted. It was noted that sometime after June, 1955, four people were sent to Evansville, Indiana, to study the way desegregation had been handled there...and that the Knoxville school superintendent had held twelve or fifteen meetings in 1956 to discuss desegregation with all school principals.

In December of 1957, the school board received an additional extension of time. The Negroes had asked that a trial date be set in January, but the board attorney asked that the three newly elected board members be granted as much time as possible to work out a plan to comply with the Supreme Court decision. Then, in July, of last year, the board attorney said he was thinking of trying to get the suit dismissed because the three new members had not been specifically named by the Negroes as defendents. And the following month he did file a motion asking for dismissal on that very technicality. He said that if Judge Taylor did not dismiss the suit, then a plan for integrating the schools would be presented.

About two months ago, on February 6, Judge Taylor heard the arguments on the motion to dismiss and took it under advisement. The Negroes were given ten days to file a reply brief and the board was given twenty days. The Negroes filed their reply brief on February 16. The board attorney requested and received an extension of time and finally filed his reply brief on April 25, about three weeks ago. After the hearing on February 6, the board attorney said that he intended to take the technicality to the United States Supreme Court if Judge Taylor ruled against the Board. This would delay for some time the actual trial of case on its merits.

And so, briefly, that is the history of school desegregation in Knoxville during the five years since May 17, 1954. Judge Taylor now has under advisement the motion to dismiss the suit on a technicality and he will render his decision on that motion at whatever time he chooses. The

school board has remained as tight-lipped as possible throughout this entire affair. They have not taken the public into their confidence or attempted to establish lines of communication on this common problem. They have done nothing to educate the community during these five years -- which everyone with experience knows is the key to a peaceful and sane solution. When concerned citizens attempt to communicate with school board members they say only the chairman can speak on the matter. The chairman in turn says that he cannot speak for the entire board, so he refuses to talk. The chairman also is fond of saying that he can say nothing and do nothing because the matter is now in the hands of the court. This simply is not true. The school board can present a plan for school desegregation at any time it desires. It can put into practice such a plan at any moment it wishes. The school board does not have to await any court action before moving to prepare for and carry out school desegregation. The responsibility for developing and instituting a plan of desegregation is now and always has been upon the local school board.

It seems to me that the facts of the last five years are not very complimentary to the Knoxville school board. It seems to me that the moral position of the board is highly questionable. What about its statement four years ago that it hoped a proposed plan would be forthcoming within a very short time? And its statement in 1955 that it would act in good faith and would proceed in an orderly manner to make a prompt and reasonable start in desegregating the public schools of Knoxville? What about its statement in January, 1956, that plans were going ahead and would be made public as soon as possible? Has the board done anything since sending four people to Indiana in 1955 and holding a dozen staff meetings in 1956? How does the board justify its attorney saying in August that a plan will be presented if the motion is dismissed on a technicality involving the delay that was granted? How does the board justify its attorney saying in August that a plan will be presented if the motion is dismissed and then saying in February that if the motion is dismissed it will appeal to the Supreme Court? How can board members reconcile a "friendly suit" with the kind of tactics they have been using? What about the county school board's statement four years ago that a careful study would be made and

the entire community acquainted with the progress of that study?

How does the Knoxville school board reconcile its profession of good faith with the facts of its inaction and calculated delaying tactics? What are they waiting for? Are they waiting for the new Webb School to be finished so that they and their friends can send their children there -- and thus weaken even further the public school system for which they are responsible? Is the school justified in spending thousands of dollars to take a technicality to the Supreme Court and merely postpone for a couple of years its inevitable compliance with the law? Is the school board justified in buying all this time and in turn wasting it through misuse and inaction? Doesn't it seem peculiar that the very men who complain the loudest about federal intervention and dictation are the same people who are deliberately handing over to a federal court their function of deciding what kind of plan will be instituted in desegregating Knoxville public schools? The very same people who talk so much about local initiative are the ones who are deliberately giving away that initiative to the federal court. They probably think they are playing politics, but I say they are playing fast and loose with public money and public welfare...with our children's education and their own moral responsibility. It might be well for our school board members to reconsider some of the wording in the law as described by the Supreme Court -- wording such as that placing primary responsibility upon local school authorities...wording such as "good faith" and "in the public interest" and "prompt and reasonable start toward full compliance" and "earliest practicable date" and "all deliberate speed."

I don't think it would hurt for us as individual citizens to help the school board remember some of these things and its function in serving the public interest. It would be well for us as individuals to let board members know how we feel. For much of the school tragedy in Virginia was caused by public officials running away with the ball...misevaluating how people really felt about their schools and their money and their children. Communication between the public and board members is of vital importance.

The title of this sermon is What Would Jesus Do? That title came into being as a result of my attending an interdenominational church meeting Monday evening. The subject of the meeting was the church and human relations -- and about a hundred people were present. During the meeting, someone asked that question: "What would Jesus do?"...and the words stuck in my mind throughout the evening and afterwards. It is a question Christians are fond of asking as a guide for conduct. It is a question our school board members would do well to ask themselves.

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m., Y.W.C.A., 420 West Clinch.

KNOXVILLE AREA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

September 15, 1959 Y.W.C.A., Knoxville, Tennessee

Present: Mr. Woods Beckman, Dr. Charles Cleland, Dr. Arthur Jones, Miss Joan Livingston, Mrs. Willie Miles, Mr. David Freeman, Dr. C. M. Proudfoot, Rev. Robert West, Dr. Forrest Lacey, Rev. Lea Acuff, Mr. Lewis Sinclair, Mr. Harry Strauss, Dr. Gerald Mertens. Rev. C. Tom Baker, executive secretary of the Tennessee Council of Churches was a guest. Galen Martin, staff secretary, was absent attending a meeting in Atlanta.

The minutes were approved as mailed.

Old Business:

Mr. Acuff reported his conversation with Rev. Burney Overton, president of the Knoxville Ministerial Association, relative to getting some action from the group which met at Lawson-McGhee Library in March. Mr. Overton is still trying to obtain a chairman for KMA's Human Relations Committee. (The March meeting had provided for a joint Knoxville Ministerial Association-Knoxville Area Human Relations Council approach to a citizen's advisory committee on school integration.) Dr. Jones reported that Mayor Duncan, before he became mayor, expressed the attitude that something like the proposed mayor's committee is needed. Dr. Jones suggested that Mr. Strauss talk with Mayor Duncan again.

Meeting Date:

MSC That meetings be changed from the third Thursday to the third Tuesday of each month.

Dues:

The question arose as to whether the dues are to be paid annually, or only upon becoming a member. The chairman gave the opinion that they should be paid annually, and were now due to be paid to the treasurer, Mrs. Miles. Balance-$49.50.

Goals For the Year:

The Executive Committee has given fresh consideration to these.

Recommended: That we do not become a mass organization, but continue on present basis until we reach 50 members. That we operate as an educational organization with primary emphasis on public school desegregation. We would do most of our work through other groups. "Education" would be interpreted as including persuading other groups and individuals to undertake action. Not all direct action by the Human Relations Council is precluded, but it is understood that the Council would not engage in political action. The emphasis on school integration does not preclude other areas of interest.

MSC Recommendations of Executive Committee on goals for the year.

Film Forum Committee:

Dr. Arthur Jones reported a photo contest on the subject, "There's Nothing New About Being Fair". This is the first step toward building up a Speaker's Bureau. Contact will be made with PTA's and other groups offering films and speakers.

Further Recommendations:

Executive Committee recommends a letter to editor committee as a permanent committee.
Hope to get United Church Women to take a community inventory as was done in Miami.

School Integration:

Mr. Beckman suggested that the Council should see to it that some white person or group is present at each School Board meeting to request school integration.

Ensuing discussion produced the following ideas from various people:
"To insist that delegations to School Board be white persons is to depart from our own ideals."
"A concession to get action."
"Unless a suit is brought, Board will do nothing, but groups other than NAACP should back it."
"Should use all ways, but now we should follow cue of Negro parents who presented the petition to the School Board."
"The School Board might be influenced through political figures."
"The group can do educational work and individuals can take political action."
"Public education is an important reason for appearing before the School Board."
"We need to prepare the public for integration when ordered by the Court."

MSC That a committee be given the job of getting delegations to appear before the City School Board. The chairman will appoint the committee.

Plans For Desegregation:

It was suggested that it would be valuable for the Council to disseminate suggested plans for public discussion. It was suggested that it would be good to get a News-Sentinel reporter to do a series of articles on plans, on the theory that if people talk about details of how, it may get them past the point of whether we should integrate or not. Mr. West agreed to talk to one of the assistant editors of the News-Sentinel to try to generate this. Another suggestion: Make news by getting newsworthy people to make statements.

The question was raised: Are we contributing to delay by talking of plans? Ought our plan not be immediate, total integration?

It was suggested that the groups which appear before the School Board could present plans and thus get them in newspapers.

MSC That chairman appoint a committee to draw up recommendations for a plan which the Council could sponsor. Next month's meeting will be built around, "A Plan for Knoxville".

P.T.A.

In a discussion on stimulating P.T.A.'s, the following ideas were expressed.
"Reluctant to approach School Board to get permission to speak to PTA's."
"Don't ask, for then you are barred if School Board or Superintendent says no."
"Appoint a committee to find contacts with local PTA's."
"Get a list of PTA officers and all members."
"Whatever is done should be done in organized fashion and not dependent on mailings but personal contacts."
"A meeting of representative people at lunch might be able to name people in most PTA's."

MSC That a list be made of all key people in PTA groups in addition to the presidents.

Bus Stations

It was suggested that a letter be written to Greyhound asking desegregation in eating facilities in the new terminal. (Waiting rooms and rest rooms are not segregated.) One person said that he understood another group is working on this.

County Schools:

The idea was expressed that there is really reason to be concerned for integration in the County schools, and the question was raised as to whether the Council wants to work in this area. Someone said that Negro parents could be contacted to see if they were interested. It was suggested that a large delegation go to talk with Superintendent Doyle.

MSC To extend educational activities to the County. Chairman Acuff will appoint another committee to work on the County School situation. West and Freeman will chair this group.

White House Conference:

Chairman announeed White House Conference on Children and Youth meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Farragut Hotel Ballroom. Theme for the White House Conference is to "promote opportunities for children and youth to realize their full potential for a creative life in freedom and dignity."

One subcommittee report recommends a Human Relations Committee growing out of Judge Bozeman's office; another group recommends a mayor's group.

Membership:

West suggested two names for membership in the Council. Dr. Lacey asked that action be delayed until the next meeting so that he can investigate whole membership concept with the staff secretary.

Meeting adjourned.

C.M. Proudfoot, secretary

September 22, 1959

To: Knoxville Area Human Relations Council Board members

From: Galen Martin, Staff Secretary

1. We need to order a supply of Council stationery and the Executive Committee has asked that the names of Board members be included on the new letterhead. This arrangement is used by the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, as well as by the Kentucky Council, the Georgia Council and other similar groups. It will serve to give the Knoxville Council more identity in the eyes of other people.

This memo is to ask you for the exact way you want your name to be worded and for your willingness to have your name included with the 40 Board members who were named in the mimeographed Board mailing list distributed last February plus a few additional new members. Just take a few seconds to write your name on the enclosed card and mail it. You can also make any necessary correction of the way your name and address appears on our mailing lists. If you have any questions call me at 4-0357 or 8-8031.

2. You are welcome to join those who will have lunch Monday September 28, at 12:30 p.m., at the U T Student Center with Mr. Paul Rilling, Associate Director of the Southern Regional Council. Until recently Paul was Executive Director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations, where he made an outstanding contribution to advancing school desegregation. Previously he was director of a special college project of the Southern Area YMCA, editor of the Gainsville Morning News, field consultant to the Institute of Citizenship, Emory University, and instructor in political science, Mobile Center of the University of Alabama.

September 24, 1959

Mr. Galen A. Martin
P. O. Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

I will be arriving in Knoxville Monday morning at 10:01, via Delta Flight 632. I will call you as soon as I arrive.

I look forward to being with you.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR:sm

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Knoxville Area Human Relations Council

POST OFFICE BOX 1011
Knoxville 1, Tennessee

September 24, 1959

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Yesterday, I sent you some material regarding the situation in Knoxville. I hope this will be of help to you. Enclosed is a copy of the list of board of directors of the Council. It is these people that we have invited to meet with you at lunch Monday.

Some of the people on the list are also in the Knoxville Men's Fellowship Club to which you will speak Monday evening. The Knoxville Men's Fellowship is a integrated Civics Club. It is about a year old. The group made overtures toward becoming an Optimist Club, but the optimists didn't look with favor on the Negro members. The group has been meeting at another restaurant where we had to enter at the rear door. The KMF has not had a very specific program working for school desegregation but has invited speakers on various relevant subjects. The program has not been confined to inter-group relations solely. Attendance ranges from about 14 to 20. You can talk for about 20 minutes if you like and perhaps leave some time for questions and group discussion.

I hope this will answer some of the questions you might have. I am not certain that I can meet you at the airport on Monday, but if I or someone else is not there, I suggest that you call my office 4-0357 or 8-8031 and I will arrange to meet you before the luncheon meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Galen Martin

Galen Martin

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Enclosure

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February 18, 1960

Mr. Galen Martin
Staff Secretary
Knoxville Area Human Relations Council
312 Empire Building
Knoxville 1, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your order of SRC material. We are mailing it to you under separate cover. Enclosed is another copy of the list which you requested in your letter.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director of
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POST OFFICE BOX 1011
Knoxville 1, Tennessee

February 17, 1960

Mr. John Constable
Director of Information
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear John:

I enclose a copy of the list of material available from SRC. We will gladly pay the postage for the copies indicated. Would you please send me another copy of this list if they are still available?

Sincerely,

Galen

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Knoxville 1, Tennessee

April 7, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling, Field Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

With school desegregation a certainty beginning in September, we are interested in exploring the possibility of TV programs here as were presented in Atlanta. Would you please send us three copies each of the transcripts of the Atlanta programs, including Hansen, Carmichael, and the Baltimore superintendent if a transcript was made.

Sincerely,

Galen

Galen Martin
Staff Secretary

GM/bje

also any suggestions or information you can offer.

Could someone send us from 12 to 24 copies of the atlanta students adv.

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April 11, 1960

Mr. Galen Martin
Knoxville Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

The materials you requested are in the mail. I think it is entirely possible that such a TV series might be of real value in Knoxville. I would first try to see if the stations would take them on a public service, cost free basis. They would not in Atlanta but I think would in many places.

If there is anything we can do to help on the effort, let me know.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

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Knoxville Area Human Relations Council

POST OFFICE BOX 1011
Knoxville 1, Tennessee

April 27, 1960

Mailed 4-28-60

Dear John:

We are eager to obtain about 12 copies of "L" reports no 16 & 17 ~~on~~ on pupil achievement.

We contemplate mailing this, or one of them to all principals here with a cover letter.

If you can share these copies with us now, We'll let you know what we work out later on.

Galen

18D
L-16
Knoxville Courier

May 12, 1960

Mr. Galen Martin
Staff Secretary
Knoxville Area Human Relations Council
P. O. Box 1011
Knoxville 1, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, copies of L-16. You may reprint L-17 and feel free to use any portion you wish but we hope you will denote places where deletions have been made.

In view of the purpose you plan for this material, there is no charge.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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POST OFFICE BOX 1011
Knoxville 1, Tennessee

May 11, 1960

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Geogia

Dear John:

The Knoxville Area Human Relations Council is interested in mailing copies of L-Reports 16 and 17 to school principals and others in our area. We are now in the process of polishing a covering letter, and I hope we will be able to send it next week.

Would you please inform me about the availability of copies of the printed report L-16, including the cost? We will probably need about 150 copies.

I suppose it would make about as much sense for us to mimeograph copies of L-17 as for us to ask you for them. Also, for our purposes in Knoxville, we see no particular relevance in the first four paragraphs which relate to pupil placement. We would thus want to begin with the 5th paragraph "In March, 1959." The Knoxville School Board as well as the Kingsport Board has not proposed pupil placement, and we don't want to encourage them in that direction. Of course, if you have copies of L-17 available, we might consider using them.

If you have 150 copies of L-16 available, would you please send them on to us along with any suggestions or reactions you might have? I would like to be able to mail the materials next Monday, May 16, if no hinches develop.

Sincerely yours,

Galen

Galen Martin

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SUGGESTED AREAS FOR INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF PARTICIPATION
BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN SEGREGATION PRACTICES IN KNOXVILLE

MAY 16 1960

KNOXVILLE AREA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL
P. O. BOX 1011, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Introduction

Harris Wofford of the Notre Dame Law School has recently said, "The Government of the United States is propelled by three great engines, but in civil rights, it has been flying on only one engine — the federal judiciary."

This seems to be illustrated in Knoxville, Tennessee where the Federal Court has had several civil rights cases, but positive influence of the other branches of Federal Government are more difficult to discern. Because the Commission on Civil Rights is specifically charged to: "...appraise the laws and policies of the Federal Government with respect to equal protection of the laws under the constitution," it seems relevant to cite instances where federal policies seem to aid segregation or at least to be neutral. This local information is presented to show the role of the Federal Government and is not presented with the intent of reflecting on those involved in the local administration of federal money. As is obvious there may be numerous reasons for the situations described, but no attempt can be made herein to explain these.

The Federal agencies and the firms working under government contract are covered by Federal policies against discrimination in employment, but based on the experience in Knoxville, it seems appropriate to ask: HAS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DONE AS MUCH AS IT CAN TO PROMOTE EQUAL TREATMENT? No attempt is made to provide sufficient evidence to prove guilt of unfair practices.

In other areas involving Federal financial participation, there seems to be no Federal policy or law to prevent Federal assistance from being used to perpetuate segregation. It is hoped that this information will encourage a further look into the role of the Federal Government in these fields.

I. FEDERAL AGENCIES

On the positive side, two Federal agencies in Knoxville have made progress in the utilization of minority group personnel. Employees of the post office in particular report the absence of discrimination in employment by that Federal agency. In excess of 10 Negro postal carriers and 4 postal clerks are at work as well as 10

custodial employees

The Tennessee Valley Authority has also made progress in employment. Approximately 60 Negroes are employed by the Authority in Knoxville. About 20 of these are "white collar" workers with job titles including engineer, economist, duplicating machine operator, personnel clerk, and others. However, most of these 20 employees are centered around the mail room and personnel files section of TVA and no Negro woman works in a white collar position with TVA in Knoxville.

There are at least 5 other Federal agencies having offices in Knoxville with from 25 to 50 employees each, and numerous smaller offices which employ no Negroes, except perhaps in traditional jobs of janitor or maid. The larger offices include those of Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Housing Administration, and Internal Revenue Service.

The availability of qualified Negro employees in the secretarial field would seem to be evidenced by the employment in 1959 of six Negro secretaries by one firm in nearby Oak Ridge.

II. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACT AWARDS TO KNOXVILLE FIRMS
Totals by firm from 1956 thru February 23, 1960

Firm	Product	Approximate date of Last Contract	Amount
Alpha Industries	Jackets	(10-59)	$ 330,419
C. B. Atkins Co.	Furniture	(6-59)	120,387
Brooks Fisher Insulating Co.	Insulation for TVA	(1-59)	630,434
Camel Manufacturing Co.	Tarpauline & Tents	(10-59)	3,399,360
Dempster Brothers	Refuse Containers	(10-59)	995,242
Dobbs Industries, Inc.	Raincoats	(2-59)	1,305,075
Knoxville Iron Co.	Steel Angles	(10-59)	301,881
John Owenbey Co., Inc.	Army & Navy Jackets & Trousers	(8-59)	6,256,411
Robertshaw-Fulton Controls Co.	Temperature regulating valves	(6-59)	53,655
Special Instrument Lab., Inc.	Galvanometers	(10-59)	40,446
Southern Athletic Co., Inc.	Army & Navy Coats	(10-59)	12,315,240
Southern Aviation Mfg. Co.	Cotton Coats	(2-58)	180,410
Wynn Enterprises Inc.	Cotton Trousers	(11-56)	834,150
Total			$26,763,110

Note: This list is as complete as possible, but does not include all contracts

Source: Tennessee Industrial Development News, Monthly Newsletter

On the positive side, Dempster Brothers has employed several Negroes in nontraditional jobs and desegregated the plant cafeteria as well.

Information on the above contract awards has been distributed among Knoxville Negro groups and some applications have been submitted, but virtually no Negroes are employed by the firms except a few as janitors.

III. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE & UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

These services are listed in the Knoxville phone book, under U. S. Government, as:

"Unemployment Compensation Div Tenn
White Div 520 Henley S W 4-0701
Colored Div 10 Emory Pl 4-0701"

Only whites work in the Henley Street Division and only Negroes work in the Colored division. Applicants for unemployment compensation and employment are rigidly segregated. Since the telephone number is the same, it is suggested that the switch board operator is one of the most important persons in Knoxville for determining what jobs Negroes can apply for. It appears that if an employer calls to fill a job, she may be the one to determine whether the colored division is informed of the job and whether or not any Negro applicant listed with that division has a chance for it.

The U. S. Department of Labor says all administrative costs of these local offices are met from Federal funds. While the segregated offices may not violate any Federal law or regulation, it would seem to violate their spirit.

IV. HOSPITALS

The University of Tennessee Memorial Research Center & Hospital is the only general hospital in Knoxville serving Negro patients. Although another hospital has received substantial federal construction funds, it is one of three Knoxville hospitals which excludes Negro patients. In a recent incident a Negro boy was refused emergency room service at this hospital. However, this refusal of emergency treatment, like a similar incident some months ago, was explained as a misunderstanding of policy on the part of employees involved.

Estimated Federal Aid to this Hospital 1/

Chronic Disease Hospital	60 beds	Opened 5-25-58	$317,087.00
Diagnostic and Treatment Center		Opened 5-28-58	$131,565.75

V. NURSE TRAINING

Qualified Negro girls are not accepted for training as registered nurses in any of the four nurse training schools operated by Knoxville hospitals, including the one reported above and the University of Tennessee Hospital. The city of Knoxville does subsidize some Negro student nurses to go to take training in Nashville and Atlanta, but the number is clearly limited by the amount available for subsidy.

Under the Federal Hill-Burton Law Construction schedule for the 10th year (revised as of December 31, 1958), the University of Tennessee Memorial Research Center was allocated an estimated Federal Share of 1/ $327,000.00 for a nursing School.

The irony is further shown by the employment of Negro professional nurses by three Knoxville hospitals including these two, after they had been trained in some other city.

1/ Source: Annual Report of Hospitals In Tennessee 1958

VI. ELECTRONIC COURSE EQUIPMENT

According to the Knoxville News-Sentinel, the Federal Government in 1959 furnished the Knoxville Board of Education with basic industrial electronic equipment worth $34,000.00

This is part of industrial education programs financed by the Federal Government.

Most, if not all, of this equipment was installed at the Bell House School from which Negroes are excluded. The courses for high school graduates offerred there include radio, television, radar, microwave, transformers, etc., and are sponsored by the state and Federal Governments.

VII. FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

Negro graduate students are excluded from the graduate dormitory at the University of Tennessee. Negroes are not admitted to the University of Tennessee as undergraduates.

Through the Federal Housing Authority insured loans the University of Tennessee received for the construction of West Hall Dormitory: $1,800,000.00

A similar new loan has been approved to build a men's dormitory totaling $2,000,000.00

Knoxville's 1500 units of Federally aided public housing continue to be assigned to occupants under systems which permit race or color to take precedence over the need of families of disabled, deceased, or other veterans, as well as non-veteran applicants.

Human Relations News from the Knoxville Area Human Relations Council
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May-June 1960 Volume III, No. 6

SIT-INS RELUCTANTLY RESUMED; LITTLE OBJECTION NOTED FROM WHITE CUSTOMERS

Observers at various lunch counters have noted little objection on the part of white customers to the presence of Negroes during the "sit-in" demonstrations which were resumed in Knoxville Wednesday, June 8, and have continued almost daily during the lunch hour from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Negro leaders explained in a prepared statement that they took the step reluctantly, and only after it seemed that every possibility of working through negotiation had been exhausted. (See full statement on p. 3).

In beginning the sit-ins, Negro leaders pointed to the fact that merchants about May 20 had asked for a 10-day "cooling off" period, and that those working for desegregation had agreed to such a period in the belief that at its termination the merchants would initiate desegregation with the use of the "Nashville plan," but that more than a week after the termination of the 10-day moratorium, no word had been received from the merchants (the "Nashville plan" is a scheme for gradually increasing the hours during which Negroes would be served). The sit-ins on June 8 involved only 2 Negroes visiting each counter to determine whether in fact desegregation had been instituted. Service was granted at only one store, and this proved later to be a "mistake" on the part of the store manager. Larger scale sit-ins followed on subsequent days.

It is understood that the sit-ins have been concentrated at those stores which desegregation leaders feel have showed the least inclination to move toward an inclusive serving policy. Sit-inners have visited Rich's, Grants, Sears, and Todd & Armistead everyday, and Kresses occasionally. The response of the merchants has varied. Sears has invariably closed its counter. Rich's has tried to keep its counter open by posting guards at the gate who refuse admission to Negroes, but have eventually closed the counter on most occasions when the number of Negroes seeking admission has increased.

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MONTHS OF PATIENT NEGOTIATION FAIL TO PRODUCE LUNCH COUNTER SERVICE

by Robert Booker

After more than three months of negotiating between the Mayor's Committee and downtown merchants in the present lunch counter movement, Negroes are still denied service at lunch counter establishments.

The Mayor's Committee, which is composed of Negro community leaders (including the Knoxville College president), a city councilman, Chamber of Commerce leaders, influential white ministers, businessmen, and two Knoxville College students, has held countless meetings and has conferred with merchants numerous times in an attempt to work out a plan for desegregation that would be acceptable to all parties. Assured that the merchants would act if they knew they had community support, the Committee drew up a resolution calling for the integrated program and secured its endorsement

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The NEWSLETTER has asked Mr. Robert Booker, President of the Knoxville College Student Body, to give his impressions of the 3-month long struggle to get the lunch counters of Knoxville desegregated. Mr. Booker has been a leader in the movement from the beginning and is a member of the Mayor's Committee.

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NEGOTIATIONS FAIL cont'd

by several leading civic, religious and social organizations. Among the endorsements were those from the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Improvement Association, the Knoxville Ministerial Association, the Board of Directors of the Association of Women's Clubs, and the Central Labor Council.

Even after such community support had been received, the chain store merchants still objected that locally owned stores should pioneer the project. After several local stores had agreed to open on a desegregated basis, the chain store managers then claimed that they had to have approval of their national offices and could not obtain it. Thus Mayor Duncan arranged a trip to New York to confer with the heads of the four national variety stores. Included in the Mayor's party were the two students from Knoxville College and the president and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Students, President Excluded in N.Y.

Upon arrival in New York, the Committee was told by the National representatives that they would not sit in a meeting with students because they would thus open themselves up to having to meet with student groups from all over the country. They also refused to meet with the Knoxville College president, who was in New York at the time. Even though the Mayor met with these people, it is uncertain what effect, if any, the meeting had on the local situation. In any case, the merchants here made no overt move.

After such negotiations had gone on for 10 weeks and there still appeared no prospect that the merchants would act, Knoxville College students carried out several sit-ins at downtown lunch counters. The sit-ins were directed primarily at those stores which had flatly refused to cooperate in any way.

After the sit-ins had taken place, the merchants gave what the Mayor's Committee interpreted as a promise to open after a ten day "cooling off" period which was to end--coincidentally?--one day after school had closed. Reluctantly, students agreed to this further delay.

Now the "moratorium" is more than a week past and the lunch counters are still closed to Negroes.

Now for some personal observations:

It is only fair to say that at least two of the downtown merchants were truly sincere in trying to open their lunch counters to all persons. Students recognized these two gentlemen as having taken the lead in trying to persuade the others that this was the right thing to do. But something happened to these two gentlemen: they were perhaps intimidated by outsiders and threatened by their higher headquarters. We know that they were put on the spot by five other store managers who were afraid of losing their jobs, or of transgressing a fast-dying southern tradition.

For the most part, the store managers has proved a great disappointment to students and others alike who held high respect for them as business men and civic leaders. Some of them pretend to have attended meetings of the merchants when it is quite obvious that they have not. Just recently one store manager told a Negro committee that he was not fully aware of certain developments, yet these developments had been discussed at a meeting which the Mayor's Committee had been led to believe all merchants attended.

The most pathetic factor in the lunch counter situation is that the merchants claim to have a fear which is in actuality baseless. They say that integration will make them lose trade. How can this be true when the city's leading citizens, civic clubs, and religious organizations have endorsed the integrated program?

Not only that, but the customers at the counters during the sit-ins indicated no adverse reaction. In fact, they chatted with Negro students about the weather, the poor service at the lunch counters, or requested the passing of the salt. Very few, if any, left the counters; yet others came as soon as a seat became vacant.

Although the school received the usual bomb threats, which everyone eventually gets for one reason or another, the only comments we took serious note of were those from our Knoxville Police Department. During the sit-ins the only nasty remarks heard came from certain policemen who were on duty to keep order.

Whether or not the students succeed, we all realize what is legally and morally right. Students have no intention to stop seeking for their rights, and are attempting to enlist other community support.

STATEMENT BY THE ASSOCIATED COUNCIL
FOR FULL CITIZENSHIP JUNE 9, 1960

A resumption of the peaceful sit-in protest demonstrations is the only alternative left for us as citizens of our great city to express our determination to refuse to accept complacently the unjust policy of merchants who sell us their merchandise and reserve their food services for their "white only" customers.

We have arrived at this decision with a deep sense of regret for we have been led to believe that Knoxville was different from most of the cities of the South. This feeling was shared by some of the finest people of Knoxville of both races.

For a time there was ample evidence of the uniqueness of this city. Where else in the South is there a leader of a city administration who has done more than ours to give the merchants an opportunity to do the fair and decent thing.

The bi-racial committee formed with the support and approval of our great mayor has labored nearly four months...pleading and assuring the merchants in every way that Knoxville is a city in which their food services could be open to all of their customers without the kind of disturbances that may be expected in some other places.

So far all of the efforts of this great committee have failed to convince the merchants that there is wide community support for this fair policy which we seek, in spite of the written endorsements by some of the leading organizations and institutions of Knoxville.

No city in the country has been given a greater opportunity to set a pattern in race relations as it pertains to the struggle of the Negro customer to be treated with the same courtesy which is extended to the white patrons who do business with their firms.

But the resumption of the protests does not mean that there is any bitterness on our part because the conferences have failed. It merely means that we must continue with such means as may be open to us to express our desire for justice. It is still our firm conviction that the merchants may come to see what one of the greatest leaders of our Christian community has tried to get them to see--that "What is morally right is also economically sound."

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Newsletter Editor: The Rev. C. M. Proudfoot
Phone 5-9588. Council Staff Sect'y 4-0357

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SCHOOL DESEGREGATION HEARING DELAYED

The Knoxville Board of Education has requested and obtained another delay of the Federal Court hearing on its grade-a-year plan for desegregation.

Federal District Judge Robert L. Taylor has set August 8 and 9 as the dates on which arguments for and against the plan will be heard. Such a hearing had earlier been scheduled for June 30.

In the meantime the Board of Education has declined to inform parents of 1st grade children, where their children can expect to attend the first grade next year. It was reported that the Board's map of new school zone lines would not be made available until after the Court acts.- - - - - -

WORKSHOP HELD ON CHURCH'S ROLE

A Workshop held on May 21 for persons doing Social Education and Action work in the churches of Union Presbytery focused on the churches' role in the lunch counter and school desegregation movements, and on the problem of arousing a concern about the social implications of the Christian faith among church members.

Resource persons for the Workshop were Dr. John H. Marion and the Rev. J. Metz Rollins, regional field representative of the Department of Social Education and Action of the United Presbyterian Church, and (for local information) Mr. Lewis Sinclair, newly-elected chairman of the KAHRC. About 30 persons attended the meeting, which was held at Second Presbyterian Church.- - - --

BEARDSLEY STUDENT TOP KNOXVILLE SPELLER

Can you spell "connoisseur"? "daguerreotype"? Lillie Gwendolyn Linder, 13 year-old Beardsley Junior High School eighth-grader, demonstrated that she can spell those and many more "block-buster" words as she became the champion speller of the Knoxville City Schools for the second year in a row on May 10. It took Lille 29 rounds before she bested her closest rival, runner-up Anne Sullins Jourolmon of Tyson Junior High. They sparred against one another for 10 rounds after all others were eliminated in the 19th round.

Little Miss Linder went on the following night to become runner-up in the Southern Appalachian Spelling Bee. She lost out to Henry Feldman of Oak Ridge. Lillie and Henry finished in the same order in 1959. He went on to Washington to win the National Spelling Bee.

CAMP TIME AGAIN
FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUSE

Fellowship House of Knoxville has announced its eleventh annual Fellowship Day Camp to be held on the campus of Knoxville College July 11-22.

The Fellowship Day Camp is an interracial camp featuring crafts, games, dramatics, stories, singing, swimming, and nature study for children from the ages of 3 though 12. Sessions take place Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. during the two-week camp period. A special feature of the camp is an overnight trip to the Smokies for children 8 years old and over. The camp is led by an interracial staff of experienced volunteer workers. Mrs. Wm. H. McArthur of the Knoxville College faculty is Director this year.

"During the past ten years the Fellowship House Day Camp has made a significant contribution to inter-group understanding and good-will in Knoxville," Mrs. McArthur commented. "This year, with school desegregation in prospect for September, we see the role of the Fellowship Day Camp as even more vital; the Day Camp is continually proving that integration does work," Mrs. McArthur said.

Applications for the camp are now being received. For registration blanks, call the Registrar, Mrs. Curtis Kelly (2-3651), or Mrs. LeRoy P. Graf (7-6459). The cost for the two-week period is $8 for one child, $7 each for two children, and $6 each for three or more children.

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DESEGREGATION SUGGESTED FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Could churches do something significant toward preparing their youngsters for school desegregation in September? The Human Relations Council thinks so, and has sent courteous letters to many local ministers suggesting that one way would be to provide interracial experience for the youngsters through the Vacation Church School.

"This would give the children an experience of interracial association under the most favorable conditions before they enter school in September," the letter states. It suggests extending the invitation to "Bible School" on a neighborhood basis without regard to race. Alternate suggestions are for an "exchange student" project with a Vacation Church School of another race, exchange of visits by classes of two such schools, or integration of the Primary Department along (since the likelihood is that only the first grade of public schools will be integrated in September).

The KAHRC offers its assistance to any church which wishes to carry out such a program.

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SIT-INS RESUMED cont'd

Todd and Armistead has closed on occasions and on other occasions continued serving all except Negro customers and their friends. Kresses has followed the latter policy. As a rule whites who sat down on stools next to Negroes were also ignored if they were suspected of having come out of sympathy for the Negroes.

Where the counter has been left open, business has continued as usual. At Todd & Armistead on one occasion when only 3 stools were unoccupied by demonstrators, white customers continued to occupy these stools for service. The presence of 8 or 9 Negroes at the Kresses basement counter and 2 at the small first floor counter on June 13 did not seem to decrease business appreciably. On two separate occasions individual Negroes sat for extended periods in Rich's Luncheonette while business continued so brisk that customers were waiting in line for stools. This experience would seem to indicate that the white citizens of Knoxville are ready to accept lunch counter desegregation.

The Knoxville sit-ins have been unusual from two standpoints. They have been distinguished by the large number of whites participating either as sit-inners or friendly observers. At each store there have been white observers by pre-arrangement each day. These persons have not always been identifiable by the demonstrators. Generally, there have been both women and men observers, supplied by different groups of friends of the movement.

A second distinguishing mark of the Knoxville movement has been that the leadership is being supplied by the mature adult leaders of the Negro community, (plus some white friends) more than by students. Someone has characterized these as "the Ph.D. sit-ins. Ministers, college teachers and housewives have been conspicuous in the leadership afforded to the movement.

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Dear Paul:

send to Research

I enclose a copy of the program for the Institute here, held June 14, with the sponsorship of UT, Knoxville Police, etc., and other material. Murray Shapiro can tell you about the institute, and I'll see you Tuesday.

Sidney Davis of Clinton accompayned Rev. Turner and the students as you may recall. He has a clear understanding of what hit Clinton and why. He didn't seem dynamic, but he is sound.

The wonderful thing about the institute here was that it came at the right time -- just as the sit-ins began. One day the particitants were at the institute and the next day they they were sitting-in. Both the city police, and store detectives were present from Millers and Richs and they met people there that they were dealing with directly in following days. I feel certain that this had its impact, in general ways.

Let me know if I can help on this. I can say more when I see you. The Institute report may be out in a few weeks.

Galen

Dr. Lacy is a star on nearly any subject.

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October 10, 1960

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Dear John:

Marion Wright is going to speak here next ~~Tuesday~~ Monday at the Tennessee Council State meeting. Local arrangers want to seek some publicity and ~~would~~ if you have a picture available of Mr. Wright would you please rush it to us along with some biographical information about ~~him~~ him.

Galen

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October 26, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Director of Field Activity
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I know that our Knoxville Area Human Relations Council people enjoyed hearing from you Tuesday evening. They realize that this involved some sacrifice on your part, and appreciate your telling them about the sit-in development. I could tell that you enjoyed it also.

Your pipe was found on the table after the meeting and is being sent to you. I trust that you have many others and haven't been deprived in the meantime.

With regard to your question about the Unitarian Service Committee project in Atlanta, I should have said that the next step will probably be a meeting with the Atlanta council for further discussion and understanding of the plan, but even this I'd rather not be quoted on. I am not in any decision making role on that project, and information on it ought to come from Dr. Glick, the USC Executive Director.

Sincerely yours,

Galen

Galen Martin

GM:am

October 28, 1960

Mr. Gelen Martin
P. O. Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

Please get the minutes of the last Interagency Meeting to us quickly.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

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November 4, 1960

Mr. Paul Rilling
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council
Room 201
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

It appears that Jean Russell may have read my letter which said, "cc Paul Rilling," to mean that I was sending you a copy of the draft minutes as well as of the cover letter. For this reason I enclose the one carbon of the minutes which I had intended to keep here. If she does send you the original copy, no harm will be done, and you could then return to me one of the copies.

Sincerely yours,

Galen

Galen Martin

GM:am

Please re write the Bob Hughes Part.

Enclosure

Programs and financial statements filed under Registration Number VFA-010 with the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Aid of the International Cooperation Admin.

October 31, 1960

Mrs. Jean Russell
824 Tusculum Blvd.
Greeneville, Tennessee

Dear Jean:

I enclosed the minutes for the Southern Interagency Conference. I regret that I hadn't been able to work on these until last week, even though they have been on my mind and my desk for sometime.

Of course I hope and expect that you will make corrections and improvements as desired. In particular I hope that you and Paul Rilling will check two points. 1) The next meeting date. While I put down a date, I'm not sure that is the date we decided upon. 2) The matter of Bob Hughes. I would prefer we would not use the language as written, but have someone else word that portion based on their superior knowledge of that situation.

I hope that you and Paul will make any corrections and changes you can to improve these minutes. Of course they can be shortened considerably by single spacing. I tended to put nearly everything in because it is easier to strike out later than it is to add later.

Sincerely,

Galen Martin

GM:am

Enclosure

cc: Paul Rilling

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Knoxville Area Human Relations Council

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December 22, 1960

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

Could I please be sent about 15 copies of Report L-20 entitled "Problem Solving Through Race Relations Committees?"

Thanks for this and the other material which you have sent me recently.

Sincerely yours,

Galen

Galen Martin

mailed 12/23/60

GM:am

January 11, 1961

Mr. Galen Martin
Knoxville Area Human Relations Council
P. O. Box 1011
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

I have just learned from Harold that you have accepted the Kentucky post. Congratulations.

I have been meaning to write you for some time about the study of federal involvement in segregation practices in Knoxville. We think this a most useful effort and would appreciate 15 copies, if you have them. What use did you make of this and what impact did it have in federal circles?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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January 12, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 201, 5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul,

I certainly expect to continue working with you from my new base in Kentucky.

We will send you 15 copies of the Statement of Federal Expenditures. This was presented on May 16, 1960 to the Tennessee Advisory Commission to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. They said they would investigate and I believe they may have referred it to Mrs. Jean Russell, but I know of nothing which they have done about it.

As Harold may have told you, I used it as a basis of a presentation to the NAIRO Committee on Civil Rights, where I thought it was very favorably received. I sent it to Roberta Church, Minority Groups Consultant to the Labor Department, referring specifically to the Employment Office here; as well as to George Butler, the President's Committee on Government Contracts; to Harris Wofford; to John Field, now on Senator Hart's staff; and to a few other people. I also sent it to Adam Yarmolinsky, then of Kennedy's campaign staff. I couldn't say it had much impact, but I am willing to call it to the attention of anyone you suggest, or to hear any other thoughts you might have about its use.

Someone at the NAIRO meeting suggested that it be recast as an article for the Journal of Intergroup Relations, but I haven't explored that possibility.

Sincerely yours,

Galen

Galen Martin

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January 25, 1961

Mr. Galen Martin
701 Empire Building
Knoxville 1, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

First of all, my hearty good wishes to you in your new position. Kentucky is fortunate to launch its official human relations effort with you at the helm.

We are mindful of the need for replacement in the Knoxville job, and I have asked the other staff members to pass along any and all suggestions we can make. As you know from the various staffing efforts we have been associated with recently, the good possibilities seem few and far between.

By all means, call on us for any and all cooperation and help we can provide you and your agency.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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January 10, 1961

Mr. Harold Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold,

I expect to begin work in Kentucky about February 1. As of now we have no prospects for replacing me here.

If you have any thoughts of anyone who might be qualified and interested in this position, please let me know. Of course we would like to have a person with education and experience in the field of inter-group relations. Ideally the person would fit the job description as for the position in Atlanta which we have discussed previously, but we will have more difficulty finding an experienced person for the work here because of the term. Continuity of the operation here is assured to a qualified person until next October. This is not stated as a final termination date and, of course, I and the Human Relations Council plan to submit as strong a case as possible for continuing beyond then.

The position of field representative of the Unitarian Service Committee can be full-time, although consideration would probably be given to a part-time person, if a full-time person isn't available. Please let me know of anyone you think might be interested.

Thank you very much for the recommendation which I understand you submitted in my behalf to the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights. I certainly expect to continue working closely with the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

Galen

Galen Martin

February 16, 1961

Mrs. John Hitch
Knoxville Area Human Relations Council
P. O. Box 1011
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Hitch:

Congratulations on your recent appointment to the important position of director of the Knoxville Area Human Relations Council. We have enjoyed our cooperative contacts with Galen Martin and look forward to working with you. We are putting you on our mailing list for our materials and publications and will probably be calling on you from to time for insights and interpretations of developments in Knoxville.

I hope you will let me know if we can ever be of service to you in your program.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 28, 1961

Mrs. John N. Hitch
Staff Secretary
Knoxville Area Human Relations
Council
701 Empire Building
Knoxville 1, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Hitch:

In his absence from the office, Mr. Fleming has asked me to acknowledge your letter of February 14.

Part of the information you requested has been sent to you and the remaining is now being prepared. We are hopeful that your work in Knoxville will be most successful and will be happy to be of any possible help to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

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February 14, 1961

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 201, 5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I am taking Galen Martin's place here in Knoxville, as you have probably learned from a form letter we sent out. I have a great deal to learn about this work and have been trying to go through reports from the Southern Regional Council, which I find very helpful.

One of the major questions which I believe the Knoxville group must face is a reorganization of the council, now that the decision has been made to open the membership to all who are interested in supporting this work. Also, of course, since the Unitarian Service Committee has not indicated that they will continue support after October, financial needs will have to be met. Therefore I would like to ask you to send me any information you can about organization and financing. Of course, I think it is important to have members for other reasons besides gaining financial support.

I would like to ask, too, if you could send us two more copies of the L-22 Report and two of the Fowler Committee's "Recommended Approach for Bi-Racial Committees." We would also like any information that is available about the reactions of theaters and others to Negroes demands for admission on a non-segregated basis. We are attempting to persuade managers here to meet with Negroes, but so far have not had any success. Since I understand that the Tennessee Theater and perhaps one other are controlled from Atlanta, you might have some suggestions. If any communities have had any success in dealing with this problem, it would be helpful for us to know.

MM
let me know

Sincerely yours,

Ann Hitch
Mrs. John N. Hitch
Staff Secretary

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Knoxville Area Human Relations Council has been most fortunate in having the full-time services of a professional staff secretary and supplementary office facilities and secretarial assistance for the past several years. A large number of people in the Knoxville area who have been actively interested in human relations have become acquainted with the services that such a staff secretary could render and have found it convenient to make use of these services. Until recently Galen Martin served in this position and more recently Mrs. John Hitch has been carrying out the duties of this office.

It is with some regret that I must inform you that such professional services are no longer available as of March 27, 1961. Mrs. Hitch has graciously consented to maintain the office on a part-time basis, 9:00 to 12:30, in order to handle Council communications and to supply information to other groups as her time permits. I know that many of you in the Knoxville area will share this loss. It is to be hoped that you will interpret this as a challenge rather than as a set-back and will redouble your efforts in utilizing those channels of information and assistance that have been opened to you in your efforts to improve human relations.

It is the hope of the members of the Human Relations Council that the council may continue to serve as a communications forum in which the activities and interests of various community groups can be explored and coordinated. To this end we invite your continued interest and assistance.

Most sincerely yours,

Charles L. Cleland

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May 23, 1962

Miss Louise Blackwell
Staff Secretary
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Dear Miss Blackwell,

I am afraid I do not know where you could go to secure sufficient funds for the survey you have in mind. I believe that most local self surveys have been handled by volunteers, with expenses paid by participating organizations. You might contact Mr. Maxwell Hahn, who administers the Field Foundation (250 Park Avenue, New York 17, New York; Mr. Hahn is Executive Vice President), but I am afraid that foundation funds for such local projects are unlikely.

Have you been in touch with the Tennessee Council on Human Relations? I would expect them to be interested in such a project, but doubt if they would have funds available to assist. We might possibly be able to contribute $100 or so through the Tennessee Council, but this would not be much help.

With very modest contributions by a number of organizations and church groups, a fairly respectable city audit ought to be possible.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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Gentlemen:

The United Church Women, in cooperation with other volunteer groups in Knoxville, are planning a City-Wide Audit to determine the facts about civil rights in such areas as: employment, housing, education, public accommodations, health and recreation.

What they have in mind would be a survey similar to recent surveys conducted in Montclair, N.J., and Miami, Florida.

Since it will be necessary to have a paid administrator for the study, as well as clerical help, office supplies, etc., it will be necessary to obtain funds from some source before we can begin what we consider will be a valuable service to our community and the South.

I am writing to ask if you can suggest any foundations or other possible sources of funds for such a project. No great amount of funds would be required, since it is hoped that the survey could be completed in three months. Any suggestions you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Louise Blackwell

Louise Blackwell
Staff Secretary

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EFFORTS TO GAIN ADMISSION OF NEGROES TO CHURCH-RELATED HOSPITALS CONTINUE

A quiet effort to persuade all of Knoxville's hospitals to extend their services to the sick of all races has been proceeding for some months under the auspices of a group called the "City-Wide Committee for Equal Services." The committee is made up of individuals belonging to a number of community organizations which are concerned with improving human relations. Fellowship House of Knoxville took the initiative in organizing the committee, which is chaired by Mrs. R. D. Present.

One of the concerns of the City-Wide Committee is to make the public aware of the actual situation. The Committee points out that of the four general hospitals in Knoxville—U.T. Memorial, St. Mary's, East Tennessee Baptist, and Fort Sanders Presbyterian—only the U.T. Hospital accepts Negroes as patients. The number of beds available in the four general hospitals is as follows:

For all patients	1191
For non-Negroes	1131
For Negroes (all at UT)	60*

(*a close approximation. There is some slight flexibility in pediatrics and contagion wards.)

Since there are approximately 21,000 Negroes and 230,000 whites in Knox County, the number of hospital beds per thousand population stands as follows:

For non-Negroes	5.18 beds/1,000
For Negroes	2.86 beds/1,000

(The figures for both groups would be slightly augmented by considering the 60 beds at Children's Hospital, which does not discriminate in admissions, but which cannot, of course, relieve the shortage of beds for Negro adults.)

Physicians report that there is frequently a waiting list for the general wards for

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ARE DEMONSTRATIONS NECESSARY?

Negro leaders have renewed their attempts to get theatre managers here to meet with them to discuss admission policies. The managers of the Tennessee and Riviera still refuse to meet. Movie patrons who believe that this question needs full and frank discussion BEFORE demonstrations take place, are urged to express their opinions to the managers of these theatres, or to the owners. The Riviera is owned by the Riviera Theatre Corporation, 905 James Building, Chattanooga. The Tennessee is owned by the Wilbey-Kinsey Theatre Chain, Atlanta.

NASHVILLE THEATRES OPEN TO ALL

After months of stand-in demonstrations which began in February, a plan for testing the admission of Negroes to movie theatres was agreed to. Negotiations on the question continued over a period of two months, and eventually the Georgia owners of three of the theatres came to Nashville to talk with Negro leaders.

Beginning April 24, under the test plan, Negroes attended the theatres in twos and threes. Subsequently theatres were open to all and are enjoying a healthy patronage. No difficulties are reported.

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COMMUNITY HUMAN RELATIONS AUDIT ORGANIZED

A community-wide audit is being organized in Knoxville to determine where equality is being practiced and where it is not. The audit is being conducted by a Community Audit Committee composed of representatives from various community organizations and chaired by Leonard F. Hurley.

The project does not seek in and of itself to effect changes, but simply to gather facts and lay them before the community. While racial and religious discrimination are the forces which make such an audit necessary, representatives of the Committee stress that they expect to be objective, giving due recognition to evidences of non-discrimination as well as to evidences of discrimination. It is felt that a fair presentation of the facts will arouse public concern for areas in which progress toward equality is lagging, and will provide the factual basis for organizations which wish to undertake action.

Among the groups represented either officially or unofficially on the Audit Committee are the United Church Women, the Knoxville Ministerial Association, the Associated Council for Full Citizenship, the Knoxville Area Human Relations Council, the Knoxville Roundtable of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Fellowship House, the Central Labor Council, and the League of Women Voters. The social action groups of several religious denominations are also represented. Other community groups are invited to join in the undertaking.

On May 10 Mr. Hurley met with Dr. W. E. Cole, head of the Department of Sociology at UT; Dr. Luke Ebersole and Dr. Louis E. Dotson of the Department of Sociology; and James Herron, director of the Council of Community Services, to discuss the method of carrying out the survey. A tentative plan is being drawn up and these experts have agreed to advise the committee on the ways and means of carrying out the survey.

Once the plan is approved and a schedule set up, the committee will turn to community organizations for help in carrying out the survey. The gathering of the facts is expected to be a community-wide enterprise. Organizations will be asked to take responsibility for an audit of a particular aspect of community life.

Among the aspects to be covered are employment opportunities, hospital services, education, eating facilities, recreational and cultural opportunities, and practices of businesses, churches, schools and government agencies.

Other officers of the Community Audit Committee are Mrs. Neal Spahr, Vice-President; Mrs. W. B. Hembree, Secretary; and George Dempster, Treasurer.

Initiative for the audit project was taken by the local council of the United Church Women, which then proceeded through Mrs. Spahr, chairman of its Inter-Faith Committee, to call together representatives of the various organizations. The KAHRC has assisted by providing literature and staff counsel. Similar community audits have been carried out successfully in other cities, notably in Miami, Florida, where also the United Church Women sparked the project.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
Community Audit Committee

The South today is making progress—more rapid progress than most of us realize: Progress in industry, housing in old age assistance, in race relations, in education, in agriculture and in many other fields.

One of the important factors in this advance is that more and more people are looking with appraising eyes at their own communities. Not only are the blemishes being noted, but local people are themselves initiating the needed remedies. One of the surest and best methods of finding the facts and putting them to work is through the device of the Home Town Self Survey.

A group of interested citizens representing many facets of community life in our city believes that Knoxville needs to survey and appraise the facts as they exist in our community. The facts must be known before attitudes can change. The group therefore suggests that our community look at itself and that studies and surveys be made with particular emphasis on human relations in the areas surveyed.

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DID YOU KNOW. . .
"that properties occupied by Negroes have frequently increased in value or remained unaffected both in new settlements and old." Lloyd Rodwin of M.I.T. in the Appraiser Journal.)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES INTEGRATED

Following a discussion at the April 18 meeting of the Board of Education of whether Negro students might not participate in city-wide extra-curricular events, the Board asked Superintendent Johnston to report on this question at its next meeting. On May 1 the Board approved his recommendation that starting next year white and Negro plans for city-wide extra-curricular events such as band concerts, May Day Activities, etc., be "coordinated."

Events for the remainder of this year will continue to be segregated, such as the city-wide physical fitness program held on May 16.

Athletics are not included in this plan. This seems to be a question which deserves further consideration, in view of the fact that Negro and white Little League teams compete against each other.

The Science Fair and the Spelling Bee are open to all students.

FULTON INTEGRATION PLAN PROTESTED

Pointing out that the plan offered for the admission of Negroes to vocational training courses at Fulton High School does not provide for the elimination of racial discrimination "with all deliberate speed," a brief filed by Negroes in Federal Court goes on to list other objections to the plan announced by the School Board on March 31. This plan provides that when a technical course cannot be established at either Austin or Fulton because sufficient students at that school have not shown an interest in it, the students desiring the course may transfer to the other school if that course is already available there. When a sufficient number of qualified students from both schools desire a vocational course not presently offered at either school, the new course may be established at either school. When a student transfers for a vocational course he would be a full-time student at the school to which he transfers. Factors to be used in deciding whether a new course is established are the number of qualified students, the desire of the applicant for the vocational training offered, his probable ability to benefit by the instruction given, his chances of securing employment in the occupation after he has secured the training, or his need for training in the occupation in which he is already employed."

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KNOXVILLE NEGRO STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN AAA SAFETY PATROL TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Twenty-four Negro students from Knoxville were among the 500 Safety Patrol members from East Tennessee who made the annual trip to Washington, D.C. on May 12, 13, and 14. After a lapse of four years Negroes were invited this year to participate on an equal basis.

UT TO CONSIDER ATHLETIC COMPETITION WITH TEAMS ON WHICH NEGROES PLAY

Following cancellation of a track meet at Shields-Watkins Field because Negroes were members of the visiting team, several protests were lodged with the Administration of the University and the assurance has been given that the University will review its policy, which has never been definitely stated. It is necessary to announce any change in policy to the Southeastern Conference to which UT belongs.

The decision to cancel the track meet was made without consultation with President Holt who was out of town at the time.

With Negroes admitted as students at UT, it seems evident that a policy will be adopted permitting Negroes to play at Shields-Watkins Field.

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Negro Objections to Fulton Plan

Objection is made to the tying of admission to vocational courses to future job opportunities. Since employers frequently claim that Negro applicants are not properly trained in refusing them employment, this would deny them the opportunity to compete on an equal basis for better jobs.

Since integration would take place only if there were not enough students at one school desiring a certain course, the plan is much too limited and places too much burden on the student who wishes to transfer to Fulton. This denies to Negro students their right to equal protection under the due process clause.

The brief points out that no summer school courses are available for Negroes, nor are adequate provisions made for special education of the retarded.

Furthermore, this plan offers no relief to the original plaintifs in the school desegregation case. These objections will be considered along with those already filed in the appeal of the Knoxville grade-a-year plan pending in the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

HOSPITALS (Continued)
Negroes at the University Hospital. Since U.T. Hospital is under contract to the city to take indigent patients, the hardship falls upon those adult Negroes who can afford to pay for hospitalization.

Some of the hospitals which do not accept Negroes as patients state that they will give emergency treatment , after which they would be transferred to U.T. Hospital for confinement. However, cases are on record within the past two years in which emergency treatment has been refused by hospital attendants who were unaware of this policy. Because of this and the undesirability of moving the critically ill after treatment, ambulance drivers normally pass by the other hospitals to take emergency cases to U.T. Hospital. Instances have been cited in which such patients have died before reaching U.T., who might possibly have lived had they received earlier treatment. The University Hospital is the one farthest distant from those parts of Knoxville in which most of the Negro population lives.

While the University of Tennessee Hospital is well-equipped, each of the hospitals specializes in certain types of treatment requiring expensive equipment. For example, St. Mary's is said to be best equipped for certain heart ailments, while Fort Sanders Presbyterian alone has the equipment for certain types of ear surgery. In such cases, Negroes are denied the best treatment which the community affords to others.

Negro patients at the University Hospital, except for obstetric, pediatric, and contagious cases, are segregated on a single floor, which makes it impossible to separate other types of cases as is done with white patients.

While St. Mary's and Fort Sanders Presbyterian both employ Negro nurses, neither their Nursing Schools nor the one at East Tennessee Baptist accepts Negro students. It is understood that under the new integrated policy at the University, the U.T. Hospital Nursing School will accept some of the qualified Negro applicants in the future. Meanwhile Negro girls are being sent to Henry Grady Hospital in Atlanta for the R.N. program and (since the recent closing of the Nursing School at Meharry in Nashville) to Dillard University in New Orleans for the degree program in nursing.

The City-Wide Committee for Equal Services began its efforts by arranging conferences between interested citizens and individual hospital administrators and board members. As a result of these talks, one hospital has expressed the intention of extending its services to all as soon as some attendant problems can be worked out.

The City-Wide Committee is seeking the support of the Knox County Academy of Medicine.

Resolutions Supporting Desegregation Passed

The Central Labor Council and the Presbytery of Union County have both adopted resolutions favorable to hospital desegregation. Similar action by other groups is being encouraged by the City-Wide Committee.

A newspaper ad that will present the facts regarding hospital services to the public is being prepared by the Committee at the date of this writing. It is planned to send reprints of the ad to a large mailing list of individual citizens, together with a letter asking for an expression of their support for a move by hospitals to extend their services to all citizens without discrimination.

Anyone desiring further information, or wishing to help in any way, may contact Mrs. R. D. Present, 21 Highland Hills, 588-2838.

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NEGROES SERVE ON SOME CIVIC BOARDS

Four boards which operate important public agencies have no Negro representatives. There is no Negro on the Board of KUB, the Library Board, or the Auditorium Board. In spite of the fact that a majority of the public housing which it administers is occupied by Negroes, the Knoxville Housing Authority has no Negro on its board.

Negroes do serve on the Recreation Council (Mrs. Violet Walker, Lloyd Lee, Mrs. Beulah Netherland); the Knox County Juvenile Court Advisory Committee (Dr. Lee L. Campbell, Mrs. O. T. Hogue); and the Homemakers Advisory Committee (Mrs. Lee L. Campbell).

This last named committee helped start a new pilot project which seeks to strengthen families, hold them together, and help mothers be better mothers. This committee, as well as the Juvenile Court Advisory Committee and the Recreation Council are intended to be representative of all groups in the community.

Mr. C. L. Hyatte and Mrs. George McDade have been named to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Urban Renewal.

Ground work has been laid for a new suit.

CHRONOLOGY REGARDING KNOXVILLE SCHOOL DESEGREGATION
Based on Newspaper Articles and Federal Court File

July 8, 1955 - Seventeen Negro parents petitioned City Board of Education to abolish segregation in Knoxville schools. The News-Sentinel said, "Apparently the School Board had the petition in hand last Tuesday night when Vice Chairman Hoyle Campbell issued a statement on the Board's behalf saying it was hoped that a 'proposed plan of action' would be forthcoming 'within a very short time.'"

August 1, 1955 - It was announced that school principals of two races have been meeting with city school officials to discuss the problems involved in desegregating Knoxville schools. Superintendent Johnston said, "It is the hope of the administrative staff, to present to the Board of Education for its consideration a proposed plan of operation as soon as possible."

August 21, 1955 - The Knox County Board of Education and the Knoxville Board of Education issued statements saying there would be no desegregation of schools in the coming year. One said, ". . .the Knox County Board of Education plans a prompt and reasonable start on its quest of an equitable solution to the integration problem. A careful study will be made of the many facets of integration, and every effort will be made to acquaint the entire community with the progress of this study."

The Knoxville Board of Education mentioned the conferences it had been holding and said it ". . .will act in good faith and will proceed in an orderly manner to make a prompt and reasonable start in desegregating the public schools of Knoxville."

January 10, 1956 - News-Sentinel - "The (school) Board assured a Negro P-TA member that the Board will 'not attempt' to evade the Supreme Court desegregation order. Board Chairman Andrew Johnson said, "The plans are not yet completed, but the Board has already said that no attempt will be made to evade the court order. We're planning toward the ultimate end of desegregating the schools. . .We are working on it, and I believe you'll be fully satisfied with the results. While there hasn't been a definite formula published, plans are going ahead and will be made public as soon as possible."

May 14, 1956 - The City Board of Education announced that "The Board doesn't believe both races are yet ready for a definite desegregation plan and that further delay will 'lessen the likelihood of unpleasant incidents which have occurred in some places'". The Board reported that the superintendent and his staff including all principals, school administrators, and supervisors have studied "many possible plans and procedures for desegregation."

June 7, 1956 - Knoxville Negroes petitioned the Knoxville Board of Education not to delay desegregation of public schools saying a lawsuit to bring integration will come only after "every honorable means within a reasonable time to secure relief" has been exhausted. The NAACP said, that if the school board would ". . .take a positive approach towards a desegregation policy and plan instead of a negative one, desegregation of our public schools will be successful."

June 11, 1956 - The Rev. R. E. James, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, who appeared representing several Negro organizations, asked the School Board to reconsider its decision to delay indefinitely the formulation and inauguration of a plan of desegregation. We are determined to exhaust every honorable means to bring it about without resorting to the courts. We do not believe there are justifiable reasons for further delay. We are pleading with you to reconsider your action and if you fail to do so, you leave us no alternative but to pursue every avenue open to us."

All members of the Board remained silent when asked by the Chairman if any members had any comment. Upon a question by a member of the Negro delegation, Rev. Frank R. Gordon, as to their silence, a motion was made and seconded by members of the Board to answer the petition with a "No". It carried without a dissenting vote.

Students Refused Admission; 'Friendly' Suit Entered

September 4,1956 - Fourteen Negro students applied for and were refused admission to schools nearest their homes including elementary schools: Mountain View and Staub (later replaced by Ft. Sanders) and High Schools: East and Rule. City officials cooperated to insure that no incidents occurred.

Some School Board members had previously suggested "off the record" to Negro leaders that a "friendly" suit be brought to obtain a court order.

October 5, 1956 - Tennessee Supreme Court ruled that Tennessee school segregation laws were rendered void by the U.S. Supreme Court rulings of 1954 and 1955.

January 8, 1957 - A suit was filed in Federal Court in Knoxville asking that the School Board and other school officials be enjoined from denying any pupil admission to any public school in Knoxville solely on the ground of race or color.

The suit was filed as a class action on behalf of the 14 students refused admission to schools nearest their homes, in September, and all other children similarly situated.

By order of the Court January 21 was set as the filing deadline for the Board to file its answer.

January 21, 1957 - On request of the School Board's attorney the deadline for answering the suit was extended from January 21 to March 22.

March 22, 1957 - Upon application of the defendants, the deadline for answering the suit was extended to May 21.

May 17, 1957 - "S. Frank Fowler, attorney for City Board of Education, has been given until July 3 to answer the Federal Court lawsuit filed January 7 by several Negroes seeking integration of city schools. It is the third extension of the answering date that Mr. Fowler has been granted. After the Negroes' suit was filed, the Board had 20 days in which to answer, but were given until March 22. Then the time was extended until next Tuesday. Reasons given by Mr. Fowler for the new extension are that he didn't get to the case until later than he expected and that school officials are 'bogged down' with end-of-school work." (News-Sentinel)

May 11, 1957 - Eight possible plans for integrating the school system which school officials, including white and Negro principals, had under study before the suit was entered, were "leaked" to the press. The plans varied from one beginning with 12 grades at a time to one for beginning at the first grade and including a new grade each year for 12 years.

June 28, 1957 - The Board of Education answered the suit asking that the judge delay granting the integration request. The anwer contended the Board could best judge how and when desegregation should take place, and that as long as they in good faith contemplated compliance with the law in the future, the court should not interfere. The Board said Negroes didn't want the suit filed or prosecuted. They noted that sometime after June, 1955, two staff and two board members were sent to Evansville, Indiana for a study of the methods through which the problem had been handled there. The Superintendent had 12 to 15 meetings during 1956 at which desegregation was discussed with the principals of all the schools. It was noted that expenditures in the building program commenced in 1954 for new construction and improvements to date had been $2,942,585 or 69% for white students and $1,317,152 or 30.9% for Negro students.

Delay Granted for New Board Members

December 3, 1957 - In reporting on the sounding of the docket in Federal Court, the News-Sentinel carried an article headed "Negroes' Suit on Schools Delayed" which said, "New members of Knoxville Board of Education have been given additional time to work out a city school integration plan. Federal Judge Robert L. Taylor today refused to set a trial date for the suit brought by several Negro children and their parents against the Board. Attorney Carl Cowan, lawyer for the Negroes, asked that a trial date be set in January. But Frank Fowler, attorney for the board, asked that the three new Board members who were elected last month, 'be granted as much time as possible to work out a plan to comply with the U.S. Supreme Court decision.'"

July 24, 1958 - When the suit to desegregate Knoxville schools was called in the Federal Court docket sounding, S. Frank Fowler, the school board attorney, said he is thinking of filing a motion asking for the suit to be dismissed. The grounds for the dismissal motion would be that the three Board members elected in November 1957 had not been substituted as defendants within the six months provided under Federal procedure rules.

August 29, 1958 - Attorney Fowler filed a motion for the Board to dismiss the suit on the technical ground that three Board members named as defendants had been replaced by the three newly elected members whose names were not substituted within the six months allowed under Federal rules. The Board contended the suit is not against the state, but is a personal suit against all members of the Board to restrain them from preventing Negroes from attending certain public schools.

Attorneys for the Negro student plaintiffs contended the legal action does not end when the personnel of the Board changes because "The defendant Board is a creature of the charter of the City of Knoxville and is thereby a quasi-public corporation or at least a continuous body or entity."

The News-Sentinel for August 29, said, "If Federal Judge Robert L. Taylor overrules a motion by City Board of Education to dismiss a school integration lawsuit, then a plan for integrating the schools will be presented, Attorney S. Frank Fowler said today."

December 19, 1958 - Federal Judge Robert L. Taylor set February 6 as the date to hear a motion for dismissal of the suit asking for integration of Knoxville schools.

February 6, 1959 - After argument by opposing counsel, Federal Judge Robert L. Taylor took under advisement a motion to dismiss a two-year-old suit by which Negroes hope to bring integration to city schools. The News-Sentinel said, "Attorney Frank Fowler, representing the Board, told a reporter after the morning-long hearing that he will take this issue to the Supreme Court if Judge Taylor rules against the Board. This would delay a trial of the case on its merits." Negro petitioners were given 10 days to file an additional brief. Defendants were given until February 26, to file their reply.

February 16, 1959 - Plaintiffs filed their reply brief.

February 25, 1959 - Letter from Judge Taylor acknowledged request of the Board's attorney for additional time saying, "I note that you are entering a trial in the State Court which is calculated to last from fifteen to twenty-five days. Your request is granted."

April 25, 1959 - Attorney Fowler filed reply brief on behalf of defendants.

about July, 1959 Judge Taylor "dismissed" the case for all Practical Purposes & this was not appealed

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Paul,

Miss Jones says it is ok by her for you to stay in Knoxville Tues eve. It will give her a little time to get settled before you get there.

In honesty I must say there is no plane out of here after 4:30 p.m. to Nashville. Good flight next morning leaves here at 11:45 and gets there at 11:40. I told Jones this and it seems OK with her.

If your plans change we won't be angry,

Galen

To all Board members of the Knoxville Area Human Relations Committee

Your help and suggestions for several aspects of the Council's developing program are needed as follows:

1. The crucial importance of increasing the Board membership from the present twenty-five to fifty members has been recognized. Will you please write below the names of persons you suggest as new Council Board members. Give information about the group associations of the people suggested so the Membership Committee can better work for a representative group.

Names	Information

2. The Film Forum and Speakers Bureau Committee wants to encourage programs by PTA as well as other groups. Would you please list the names of persons you know who are active members (not necessarily officers) of a PTA group whom you think would be in general sympathy with the Council's purposes and might advise the Council Committee on ways to assist PTA's in programs regarding human relations.

Name	Address	PTA Group (School)

3. The Council Workshop Committee has asked for the assistance of the Southern Regional Council Consultants in holding a workshop for Board members. On the basis of several inquiries the weekend of May 10, was seen as the best time. Will you be free for workshop meetings Saturday May 10, and perhaps Friday night or Sunday that weekend?

YES_____ NO_____

Use the reverse side for further suggestions or comments. Please return this form in the enclosed stamped envelope to the Council.

4/9/58

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October 6, 1960

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
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5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
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Dear Mr. Rilling:

I am looking forward to meeting you at the Knoxville Conference, and in having your guidance here in Nashville for several days afterwards. From your letter of September 30, addressed to Miss Young I assume you will be able to come on to Nashville to the state office. I anticipate driving to Knoxville on Sunday October 16 and returning to Nashville on the evening of October 18. I would be delighted to give you a lift. Do you wish me to make reservations for you in Knoxville or Nashville?

Miss Young telephoned from Memphis on October 3, and shared my delight and appreciation of the regular and extra support obtained from the Council.

The program for the annual meeting seems to be pretty well in shape due to Dr. Freshley's persistent efforts. The attached news release has gone out ot major papers in the state.

I believe Miss Young forwarded the proposed policy regarding vacations. It will receive consideration at the Board meeting in Knoxville following the Conference.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ:nlh
Encl

October 25, 1960

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Katherine:

It was most pleasant to have the opportunity to visit with you. I know that it is not easy to get oriented to a new job in this field and I hope you will call on me at any time I can be helpful. The Tennessee Council has made great strides in the past year and I know this progress will continue under your leadership.

I hope that we will be getting together again fairly soon.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc. - job description of exec. dir.

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Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

At our Board meeting in Knoxville it was voted to make our membership year the calendar year. We have therefore been reviewing our membership files preparatory to making this change. One of the "snags" encountered is the subscription to New South. If we make a change is there any way that New South subscriptions can be related to this?

Active memberships by quarters when dues were paid are:

January, February, March	143
April, May, June	118
July, August, September	65
October, November, December	107
	433 Members with paid up dues

Some of these members are not subscribers to New South since they come in on the $2 membership, now abandoned.

It was also voted at Knoxville that we will have our annual meeting in October rather than January, and that members joining in the last quarter of the year will hold membership for the following calendar year. Would New South be able to extend their subscription for the additional 2 or 3 months, without an additional payment?

The problem of a change over to a new calendar year is compounded by the 2 drives in 1960 for additional contributions - one in the summer to match SRC contributions and another in October. There is serious questions about how we can ethically bill memberships in January for people who paid dues in July and made additional contributions in October. Any ideas?

Enclosed are photostats of recent newspaper articles. Thank you for your visit; it was a real help.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ:nlh
cc Mr. James Glasse

October 28, 1960

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Katherine:

What you request concerning New South would create considerable confusion in the keeping of the books here. We are willing to try to work out something to help with your new membership policy.

What I suggest is as follows:

1. Anyone who has paid membership dues since August 1 of this year should not be expected to renew until January 1, 1962. We will carry the New South subscription of such a person for the extra months if you will send us the names of such persons so that we can fix our records accordingly.

2. I assume that everyone who paid dues prior to August 1, 1960 will be expected to pay again in January of 1961. We will expect to receive a full $2.00 out of each such fee for New South so that the subscription may be put on an annual basis. What we are hoping is that the money will balance out here.

3. I would suggest that anyone who pays dues between January 1 and August 1 of 1961 will pay his full subscription here at that time and will be expected to pay again in January of 1962. By the same token, anyone paying dues after August 1, 1961, we will interpret as having purchased a 1962 membership and subscription and will carry him for the extra months.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

Dear Paul: No time to write at present, but HCF
that thought you would like to have PR
these clippings. Jackson situation is
real serious - at least for working
out a solution. I'm going down on
Friday just to do some conferring
with individuals to see what we
can do. I get reports from Negro
and white citizens, and it appears
that while they are talking, they
really aren't communicating.
The Mayor has new SRC Report L-20
on Mayor's Committees. The sent to
Board members who gave to Mayor.

I don't think Nashville Flurry
is serious and there are enough
experienced people here to handle this.

K Jones
11-10-60

Nashville, Tennessee

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November 28, 1960

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

May we have 12 copies of "Racial Violence and Law Enforcement" by George McMillan? This has just come and seems especially pertinent for our use in preparing for the January desegregation of the Davidson County public schools, and other happenings throughout the state.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

sent
11/30

KJ:nlh

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December 6, 1960

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

Does the Southern Regional Council have any additional copies of the reprint, "Violence: It Need Not Happen" by Alexander F. Miller originally printed in the ADL Bulletin, January 1958. We wrote to the ADL office in Atlanta for additional copies, but they are out of them. If there are any copies available at SRC we would like to have 25 or less for use with our local sheriff in preparing for the county school desegregation scheduled for January 23, 1961.

Dec 12/7

There is considerable divergence of opinion on what we may expect. The County PTA Council president anticipates no difficulty; school administrators are concerned and wary. There has been no outspoken opposition to the integration proposal, thus far. One of John Kasper's backers is a feed merchant in rural area scheduled for integration.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

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Hst.

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Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

We would like to ask your guidance and that of Mr. Fleming on a proposed request of the Tennessee Council for a Danforth Foundation grant. Prior to Louise Young's retirement she had begun some exploration, but no formal request had been initiated. Miss Young is personally acquainted with members of the Danforth staff and numerous members of the advisory councils.

There is recognition among our members throughout the state that college students and frequently faculty are living pretty well apart from community activities and students on other campuses. The college centered Student Christian Movements formerly found avenues for discussions by Negro and white students, but on several campuses, the SCM either no longer exists and there is no substitute vehicle to provide this experience. Board members have expressed concern that at this time when we especially need this communication between college groups, it is less active than previously.

Our proposal is for a staff member to devote exclusive time to helping already existent campus group and leadership talent find ways of meeting with other college groups. While we see this as basically Negro-white, we believe it would be valuable for students of denominational colleges. The recognition of common talents, mutuality of ambitions and sometimes goals, and the inequality ~~of opportunity~~ of opportunity in employment would be valuable discussion topics for future southern leadership. A broadened understanding of the student protest movement is especially needed by white students. We see this as involving some faculty as well as students.

This proposal does not envision the creation of a new collge campus centered organization, but in working with S.C.M, student United Nations groups, and the local organizations of the National Student Association. This proposal has met with enthusiastic reception by college faculty who are also our members, and by campus organizations who have been approached, but I doubt it can get off the ground without some concerted direction. College administrators are not likely to sponsor it directly, but would not protest it.

This project is estimated as needing $8000 to $9000 for a year to cover staff salary and travel. What do you think of it? If you are in favor, would S.R.C. be interested in requesting this from Danforth for an experiment in Tennessee? Should the Tennessee Council apply directly, and would S.R.C. endorse it?

We've developed a draft of such a request, But President Gasse and I want your opinion before we move farther.

Sincerely yours,

Kay Jones

Katherine Jones

December 19, 1960

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

We are of somewhat mixed minds here concerning a possible application to the Danforth Foundation from the Tennessee Council. Clearly, an additional staff member to work with campus groups would be of value to the cause of improved understanding in Tennessee. It is also clear, however, that a number of groups are in the field working with students and that this project could be launched only with considerable time involvement not only by the projected new staff member but, at least, initially, by you. I think it is questionable whether this is the matter of highest priority for the Tennessee Council at this time.

I believe I would feel that work with adults in various parts of Tennessee not yet closely touched by the Tennessee Council would be of higher priority at this time than such intensive work with college groups. If a second staff person were possible, I would urge the employment of a Negro professional to strengthen the total outreach of the Council. There is, however, the practical matter of foundation approaches. If it is felt that the Danforth Foundation would be interested in assisting the Tennessee Council for student work and would be unreceptive to proposals in other directions, then I would by all means apply for funds to expand student work. Foundation applications must represent a balance between agency priorities and foundation receptivity.

Inasmuch as state Councils on Human Relations are independent groups receiving assistance from the Southern Regional Council, we never apply directly for state assistance to foundations. The Tennessee Council should apply directly if it decided to make application for these funds. I would hope that SRC could support the application in some way. If you decide to go ahead, I hope that you will send the application to us for review before sending it to the Danforth people. We might be able to help somewhat with form, and at any rate

could not endorse the application without some analysis.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

EXAMINED BY FOIA

December 21, 1960

Miss Jean Fairfax
National Representative for
Southern Programs
American Friends Service Committee
160 North Fifteenth Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Fairfax:

Since my letter to you on November 30, we have obtained the name of a reliable couple in Fayette County who can give current information. They are Mr. and Mrs. John McFerrin, Route 4, Box 133-A, Somerville, Fayette County, Tennessee. Mr. McFerrin is president of the Fayette County Civic and Welfare Association, and any donations should be made to that organization and sent to Mr. McFerrin.

The McFerrin's have a small grocery and gasoline service station and are endeavoring to supply essential items to the beleaguered Negro citizens in that area. They have met with continued harrassment from citizens and groups opposed to their leadership. For instance, no wholesaler will deliver groceries to their store and they must bring supplies from Memphis for their store. No local builder would install their gasoline tanks, and after they got them in the gasoline wholesalers refused to fill the tanks. Through efforts on a national level they did receive gasoline for several months, but very recently they again met with a refusal of the wholesaler to deliver. There is considerable mechanization on Fayette County farms, and gasoline is essential for operating tractors as well as passenger cars.

According to newspaper accounts, 400 Negro families face eviction about January 1, 1961. Some of these families have lived on the same land for several generations, but their employers have refused to hire them for next year. While the successful attempt of many Negroes to register and vote ignited the situation, the McFerrin's report that reprisals are now generally visited on nearly all Negroes in the County.

The NAACP is active in seeking to relieve some of the immediate distress. Mr. W. C. Patton, field secretary reports that on December 17, the NAACP was delivering $1500 worth of food that day. Through the Nashville Christian Leadership Conference, a widespread collection of food, clothing, blankets and money for tents is being collected to be delivered December 22.

As you know, suits have been filed by the U. S. Justice Department in Haywood and Fayette Counties, and it is hoped that some action will take place by the end of the year.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ:nlh
cc Mr. Paul Rilling, Southern Regional Council

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January 4, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

Here are some clippings from Memphis papers about Haywood Fayette County situation. I realize that they've lost their news value, but I thought you might be interested in their reporting.

I will be in Memphis on Tuesday, January 10, and will visit Fayette County sometimes that week. There are charges and counter charges in this situation. The tent city dwellers have refused job offers from other parts of Tennessee and from Arkansas. There is evidently considerable conviction on the part of their leadership that they must remain there until this matter is settled in the Federal Courts. After that its anyone's guess as to what may happen.

Our Davidson County School situation is ominously quiet. We've been to see several county officials who insist there will be no trouble. The current session of the Legislature, just beginning is providing the community's interest.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

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January 6, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

We are doing some quiet exploring about the possibility of appealing for desegregation of Watkins Institute, a tuition-free adult education school in Nashville. Watkins is supported by income from the estate of its founder and another large contributor and has been in existence since 1885. It receives no public funds and is tax exempt.

In accordance with the will of Samuel Watkins, "The Governor of the State of Tennessee is authorized to appoint, by and with the consent of the Senate, three persons to be known as the 'Commissioners of Watkins Institute', who shall hold their offices for four years and until their successors are appointed as aforesaid."

This procedure is still in effect. As I recall, this is somewhat similar to the governing procedure for Girard School in Philadelphia, where there was a desegregation suit several years ago. Does SRC have any information on the Girard situation which would be applicable here? What was the result of the Girard suit?

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ:nlh

January 18, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Thank you for your recent quarterly report which we are just getting around to acknowledging. You have had a busy introduction to human relations work, what with crisis in Jackson and chaos in Fayette and Haywood Counties. I hear good reports on your efforts and hope that you are bearing up well and enjoying at least some of your activities.

I was most interested in your work with the Council of Community Agencies and the efforts to desegregate the Brownie Troops. This is an important area of operation which has generally been overlooked by our groups so far. This all goes to show what can be done by professionals with social work experience.

I hope you will be able to establish closer liaison with groups in Chattanooga and Memphis. I remember some of the Chattanooga delegation complaining of lack of contact with the state office and with each other during the recent annual meeting. You note that the Memphis group has delayed your visit until early 1961. When local people do not work sufficiently closely with the state office, it is sometimes necessary to simply tell them you are coming rather than asking them.

I am sorry that we did not get you over here for a day or so in December as I had hoped. If your schedule permits, I would like to suggest that you come to Atlanta a day early for the state staff meeting so that you can have an opportunity to meet our staff and see our operation and you and I can chat at some length.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 19, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

I believe that the precedent of the Girard School would definitely be relevant to the situation of the Watkins Institute. In the case of the Girard Institute, the will of the benefactor stated that the school was for "poor, male, white, orphans." The will further provided that the school was to be administered by a board of city trusts, consisting primarily of elected officials of Philadelphia and persons appointed by the judges of courts of common pleas of the County. A Negro boy applied for admission to the school and was denied. The Supreme Court in 1957 ruled that the school was bound by the 1954 decision because of the public nature of those operating the schools. In fact, the boy did not enter the school because the state courts agreed that the provisions of the will providing a school for "poor, male, white, orphans" was more important to the intent of the will than the provision appointing public officials to operate the schools. The state court, therefore, approved the appointment of a new board for the school, consisting of private persons, self-perpetuating. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court, on appeal, agreed that this made the Girard School private and it was therefore not required to admit the Negro boy. This decision was evidently not appealed to the federal courts. The principle established by the U. S. Supreme Court decision is still binding, however, on any school where public officials are involved in the operation of otherwise private schools.

I never heard of the Watkins Institute.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

January 27, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

The Chattanooga situation seems to be moving a little. I understand that the Chattanooga Conference on Community Relations has had discussions with the school superintendent and the Mayor concerning preparation for school desegregation there next fall. I have been invited to attend a meeting there on the 21st of February to discuss how other communities have prepared. Major Jones and the white Congregational minister who chairs the conference were the ones who contacted me. I would think it well for you to be cued in on the plans and perhaps in attendance on the 21st if your schedule permits. I still think that it would be useful if you could come to Atlanta Wednesday a day in advance of the state staff meeting, if you can. It is not urgent, just a suggestion.

At Will Campbell's suggestion, I am considering coming on up the week of February 6 to get some first-hand impression of the mess in Fayette and Haywood Counties. If I were to come on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 7th and 8th, would you be free to spend a day going over there with me?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Billing
Field Director

PMR/sm

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January 30, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

I am writing today to Chattanooga asking if I may come to their meeting on February 21. From there I could go on to Atlanta for February 22, prior to the meeting scheduled for February 23 and 24.

I just talked with Will Campbell who says he will not be in Nashville on February 7 and 8. He was in Fayette County again last week, and reports considerable friction within each county organization and between Haywood and Fayette County leadership. He fears genuine violence within the movement. There is undoubtedly a power struggle, and at present most outside groups are apparently suspect.

I will be glad to go with you if you come here February 7 and 8. We can make the round trip in one day, but it will be a long one. It's nearly 200 miles from Nashville.

Enclosed is a clipping from today's Nashville Tennessean on the SRC report to the President.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ:nlh
Encl

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February 6, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

Attached is a copy of the proposed Danforth Foundation request. Mr. Rankin of the Danforth staff was at Vanderbilt University on January 20, and Mr. Glasse, Mr. Cheek and I outlined our proposal to him. While he did not commit the Foundation, he said the request would fall within Foundation policy. He described the proper method for transmitting the request and endorsements.

At the Executive Committee Meeting on January 24, the program was approved, following conisderable discussion. Therefore, at this time, we are in the process of getting letters of recommendation. We are mindful of your reservation about this request. However, Danforth Foundation limits its grant strictly to programs involving college students. Through certain personal ties with Danforth among our membership and supporters there is considerable optimism about our request.

The letter of request has not been mailed. If you have proposed changes, please let us know. We hope SRC will be willing to endorse our request.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ:nlh
Encl

Paul: Last page, over Mrs. Glasse's signature, has now been revised to ask for $10,000 per year for 3 years.

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February 2, 1961

Dr. Kenneth L. Brown, Executive Director
The Danforth Foundation
835 South Eighth Street
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Dr. Brown:

The Tennessee Council on Human Relations wishes to ask the Danforth Foundation for a grant, to make possible an urgently needed extension of our program. The enclosed brochure describes our purposes, structure, and principal activities, and lists our current officers and staff. Attached is a summary of our membership growth, our current budget, and our source of funds for the last fiscal year.

With the rise of the student protest movement, spearheaded in the South by Negroes, the urgency for understanding across campus barriers has become even more compelling. The old methods of accommodation for both white and Negro students are no longer relevant. Channels of communication and association, formerly utilized, have fallen into disuse, and, in some instances, are discouraged by college administrations. There is an uneasiness among college students, both white and Negro, as the old images are outmoded, and the new ones not clearly defined. Since the Council's inception there has been a special emphasis on student participation.

In light of this, we recognize the urgent need to expand our services in the college and university communities, most of which are clustered in or around our major cities as follows:

Memphis	Knoxville
Memphis State University	University of Tennessee
Southwestern University	Knoxville College
LeMoyne College	Maryville College (20 miles from Knoxville)
Owen College	
University of Tennessee Medical School and Extension Service	

Nashville

Vanderbilt University
George Peabody College
Scarritt College
Fisk University
Tennessee A & I State University
Meharry Medical College
American Baptist Seminary
Belmont College
University of Tennessee School of Social Work and Extension Service

Jackson

Lane College
Lambuth College
Union University

Chattanooga

University of Chattanooga

In each of these centers the Tennessee Council on Human Relations has members, in addition to others known to be in sympathy with our purposes. We have found college and university faculties the likeliest groups from which to gain support and membership. They have had wider opportunities for thoughtful study of human relations, and recognize the necessity to modify old concepts; they have diverse geographical, social and academic background; they are relatively free from pressures to conform, and are often in creative communication with one another. In many cases, however, they lack direct encounter in local community matters, and, in some cases, they desire to overcome this insulation for themselves and their students. Within the total of sixty-six officers and board members of our Council, there are fourteen who are college professors and administrators.

We propose adding a full time staff member to our Council to work exclusively with college leadership--undergraduate, graduate and faculty--in bringing together students in different colleges in the same or nearby communities. We do not envision the creation of a new campus organization, but the utilization of existent groups which might be stimulated to broaden their outlook by wider associations. Groups serving in this capacity might include the following:

(1) Baptist Student Union, Canterbury House, Westminster House, Hillel Foundation, Newmans Club, The Wesley Foundation (Example: The Methodist Student Quadrennial Assembly is scheduled for August, 1961. Students preparing to attend are expected to complete a group study course. In Jackson, Tennessee, are two small Methodist Colleges, one Negro, one white. The study course might include students from both colleges.)
(2) Political Science Club
(3) Student Association for the United Nations
(4) Student Christian Associations

(5) International Relations Clubs
(6) History Majors
(7) National Student Association Chapters

This project has already been considered by a faculty group in Nashville, representing several of the colleges, and has their enthusiastic endorsement. Upon their recommendation, our staff member has attempted to assess the willingness of the already existing organizations to do the necessary recruiting across campus lines for the formation of such groups. In each instance, the organizations approached have offered their cooperation but could not supply the staff time required. Our Memphis membership, including students, was also enthusiastic about the program.

In each "college cluster", our staff member would need to determine the most feasible channels and work out the procedures. Resident adult members of the Tennessee Council would assist in program planning in the local college community. Considerable time would be involved necessarily in locating comparable groups in Negro and white colleges who might be stimulated toward this broadened interest. This project is designed to bring students together across racial lines, but on a basis of mutuality of interest and respect for individual achievement and ambition. We believe that it is imperative that college students have successful experiences along these lines before they take their places in the business and professional world.

Tennessee Council On Human Relations Contribution

The Council would offer office space, clerical service, administrative supervision, and all other resources of our continuing program. Students have always had a vital part in the Council's program, and with the continuing support of college faculty, we anticipate increased interest in student activities.

Council faculty members across the state would form a supporting committee. As this inter-campus interest became standard procedure, it is hoped that faculty advisors would accept and promote it just as they do the on-campus clubs. Hopefully, we would not need special staff at the end of three years, but could include this as a continuing program responsibility carried by local members as part of their contribution.

Staffing

A recent college graduate or other young adult with group leadership experience, preferably male, free to spend time in travel to colleges over the state. Candidate should be able to meet students, faculty and college administrators comfortably and effectively. Perception and commitment to the ideals of full and free opportunity for all people is more important than specific courses completed.

We will be most grateful for your consideration of this request. If additional information is desired, we will be happy to supply it.

Cordially,

James D. Glasse
President

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Enclosures

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Chartered by the State of Tennessee, July 22, 1955

Originally the Tennessee Council was an integral part of the Southern Regional Council, as were the state councils in eleven other southern states. Large scale program and financial assistance to state councils was made by the Southern Regional Council with the goal of having the state councils become autonomous and effective interracial organizations. Three years ago, the state councils became independent cooperating agencies. The Tennessee Council secured the services of an Executive Director on November 1, 1958. Previously there had been no paid staff except intermittent coverage by a part-time office secretary.

Membership Growth	Financial Support	S.R.C.	Tennessee
1958 - 120 Members	1958	$3750.00	$ 810.00
1959 - 300 Members	1959	6375.00	1317.65
1960 - 460 Members	1960	7300.00	5146.60

BUDGET for 1961

EXPENSES

Salaries	
Executive Director	$ 6,000
Office Secretary	2,100
Travel	
Executive	500
Board Members	500
Office	
Rent	500
Equipment	100
Supplies and Maintenance	200
Telephone and Telegraph	400
Postage	400
Books and Subscriptions	150
Miscellaneous	
Annual Membership Meeting	200
Contingent	150
New South subscriptions	2,300
Total	$13,500

INCOME

Membership Dues	$ 4,500
Contributions	4,500
Southern Regional Council	3,500
Balance from 1960	1,000
Total	$13,500

PROGRAM

State-Wide Program Goals for 1961

Survey on Negro Housing

How much housing occupied by Negro citizens is not standard?
What standard private ownership housing is available?
How many units of government housing are available?
What are the opportunities for home ownership for Negroes? Financing, restrictions as to location etc.
What developments are recommended?
Special project under way in Nashville, using Tennessee State University students for survey

Health Facilities

Hospital admittance policies
Nursing - Employment of Negroes as (1) Nurses aides (2) Licensed practical nurses (3) Registered nurses
This item is especially pertinent since the School of Nursing of Meharry Medical College is closing.
Attempts to broaden employment policy of hospitals is being urged.

Local Programs - Determined by local groups, for example:

Nashville - Opening of museums to all citizens
Opening of Symphony Orchestra memberships to all citizens
Continued education for full school desegregation
Opening of privately endowed adult education school to all citizens
Full use of all public parks by all citizens

Memphis - Opening of museums, public parks, all public libraries and zoo to all citizens (accomplished)
Opening of lunch counters in variety stores, department stores, bus stations to all citizens
Creation of improved climate in preparation for school desegregation - no date set as yet
Desegregation of Memphis State University (accomplished)

Jackson - Desegregation of lunch counter facilities
Improved racial understanding through five interracial discussion groups, each with Negro and white co-chairmen, meeting bi-monthly in private homes

February 8, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

I think that your application to the Danforth Foundation is excellently drafted, clear and concise. We will be happy to support this application should our advice be requested by the foundation. Our only reservation concerning the form of the request relates to the amount of money requested. It has been our experience that foundations are rather reluctant to support projects with grants virtually equal to the overall budget of the organization itself. Organizations with a total budget of $13,000 or $14,000 a year are rarely able to successfully attract project grants of more than $3,000 or $4,000 per year. There are exceptions to the generality, however, and I must admit that the sum requested is not unreasonable for the program outlined. Good luck.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

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February 10, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Will Campbell brought back your message of concern about the Fayette-Haywood Counties situation. The copy of our letter to Senator Kefauver was written on recommendation of several of our members who have considerable political experience and knowledge. The letter to the Senator will be forwarded from his Nashville office with a personal communication from that office staff.

The Council has also asked for an appointment for February 14 with the Tennessee Civil Rights Advisory Committee, and has submitted a 2 page proposal. We know that 3 out of 7 members will vote to hear us; we just aren't sure about the others, but it seems probable we will be admitted. I'll send you a copy of the proposal Tuesday, but haven't any extra copies at this time.

With the attitude of the Governor, our advice is to wait until after the Legislature adjourns. There is fear that if pressure is brought on him now, he will get it off his shoulders by setting up a Legislative investigating committee and we will be in for a witch hunt.

We are having "stand-outs" at local theatres. The Nashville Community Relations Conference will meet here Staurday afternoon to work out some strategy, since we didn't get through on Thursday night. Is the Chattanooga meeting at 8 P.M. February 21? All I know is from their Newsletter which came today.

Hastily,

Kay Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ:nlh

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2011 Grand Ave.

February 10, 1961

The Honorable Estes Kefauver
United States Senator
443 U. S. Court House
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Senator Kefauver:

We very much desire your advice and guidance in channeling the concern of the Tennessee Council for citizens residing in Fayette and Haywood Counties in West Tennessee. Members of the Council have made first-hand observations of the situation, and deplore the obvious bitterness and unrest among Negro and white citizens. We can ascertain no local or state constructive planning to alleviate the distress.

Approximately seven hundred families, faced with evictions, are dependent on the donations of groups within and without Tennessee. While only about thirteen families are actually living in tents, others have no credit and no way to purchase food and medical care. The differences within the Negro leadership are intensified by the dependence on gifts and conflicting advice from the donors, however well intentioned. If basic needs of the Negroes threatened with evictions and experiencing reprisals were provided, the Negro leadership could devote their energies to unifying their leadership. Whatever decision is reached by the Federal Courts will not bring about a solution to many of the problems. Local and state governmental leadership has been unwilling thus far to provide relief or open other channels for relieving distress and reprisals.

Would it be appropriate for the Council, representing four hundred and eighty members residing throughout Tennessee, to appeal directly to Secretary Abraham Ribicoff for a non-discriminatory relief program and employment counselling? When the local and state governments are unwilling to request surplus commodities, can they be made available on Federal authorization, following Federal investigation, as happened during the Depression? Is there a better way?

We look to you for continued progressive leadership and wise counsel. A brochure describing our organization is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ:lh
Enclosure

February 13, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

I am enclosing our last memorandum concerning the state staff meeting which will answer your question about hotels.

I have not heard a word from Chattanooga concerning the meeting there since I talked personally with the chairman of the group and with Major Jones. They are in touch, however, with Edward Brown here who is race relations man for the United Church of Christ. I will let you know when I get definite word on the time and place.

The meeting here will be over by 3:30 on Friday. This early adjournment was set specifically to enable those who wish to do so to return to their homes Friday evening.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

Paul,

Because of the situation with my family, I need to know the Atlanta Hotel where I will be staying during the Feb 22-24 meeting. Can you let me know?

Haven't heard from Chattanooga about their meeting. I've asked to attend. According to its schedule, I'll determine when to leave Nashville. If we are to get through that in time I'll go on to Chattanooga on the night of Feb 21.

Should I make reservations (via phone) to return here on

Feb 24. What time will the Atlanta meeting adjourn?

Civil Rights Advisory Committee has our request to appear before them Feb 14, re Forrette & Haywood situations. They will not decide whether to hear us, until they meet that morning.

Roy James

2-8-61

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ADVICE

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Through educational methods to strive to further progress in Tennessee toward:
Improvement of economic and civic conditions . . . attainment of ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all citizens . . . and in general, better human relations in our State.

This is my continuation of membership in TCOHR, which includes subscription to **The New South.**

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February 16, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

I am enclosing a copy of a clipping which we noted in the Chattanooga Times recently. Mr. Thompson seems to be a fairly outstanding young man whom you might well keep track of.

You might want to write him, send him some materials and indicate interest in his activities and future plans.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

Paul:

I'm enroute to Chattanooga on Tuesday, Feb 21 at noon. Will attend meeting there at 8 pm; if you are around will see you then.

The first bus out of Chattanooga is at 6 AM on Wednesday. On arrival in Atlanta I'll drop stuff off at hotel and come on to your office. I suppose the early meeting is still on, and that Feb 22 is not a holiday.

Kay Jones

2-20-61

Mr. Reeling:

Here is your change (in stamps) from payment of your dinner check on Feb 22. Sorry I neglected to give it to you the following day.

I met with the Knoxville Area Council on Feb 27. Did not sure that group planned he encouraged to continue. They are going to try to determine their function, and then see.

I had an hour's visit in his office on March 1, with Mr. White

of the Martin theatre chain. He is approachable, and genuinely confused about what has happened. Has lived all his life in Columbus, Ga. until last month.

We are meeting tonight - the people who have worked on the Nashville theatre proposal - to discuss future strategy.

Roy Jones

March 2, 1961

March 20, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

I am enclosing a letter from Arkansas raising certain questions concerning the Peabody survey team. I believe the letter is self-explanatory.

Does your information:

1. Bear out the suggestions of the Arkansas Council?

2. Suggest how these concerns, if they are valid, can best be represented to the folks at Peabody College? I believe you have contacts at Peabody and are in a much better position to evaluate this than are we.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

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Enc.
cc: John Hope
Will Campbell

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Executive Director

March 27, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

If possible, please send us 500 copies of: "This I Believe", Haywood N. Hill, M. D. We would like one available for each member. If we can't have that many, please let us have as many as you can.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ:nlh

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

March 30, 1961

Mrs. Timothy Miller
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Miller

Thank you for letting us know about the anticipated reprint of the Hill article in New South. I think this will take care of our basic need, and therefore we wish to cancel our request for 500 copies. For selective distribution we would like to have about 25 copies.

I do appreciate your relating the reaction of some of the Atlanta leadership. I would agree that the level at which Dr. Hill arrived is not the whole way, but we see many troubled and concerned people who have not yet taken this step. It is with the emerging social conscience that I believe we can use it effectively, rather than with our full membership.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ:nlh

April 7, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Thank you for your recent quarterly report with its indication of expanded activity on the part of the Tennessee Council around the state, and those amazingly constructive developments in Jackson.

I would be happy to come to Tennessee in late April or May at a time convenient to both of us, perhaps in conjunction with a state board meeting. Perhaps we need to think together again concerning the finance and membership problem. If there is anything we can do by way of assistance or helping you prod others, I hope you will let me know. I must say that your bank balances seem fairly healthy by the standards to which the state councils are generally accustomed. Your item for contributions does seem rather light for the winter quarter.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 11, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

We have had an employment application from Mr. Stanley Sigel of P. O. Box 553 in Oak Ridge. Although he is a Yankee by origin, his experience is impressive and indicates that he is serving at present as management analyst in organization and management branch of the AEC. As you know, we have a job opening in Alabama and may have other openings in the forseeable future. We would appreciate any line you could get on Mr. Sigel. Is he involved in the cause in the Oak Ridge area, does he have the skills and personality that would be appropriate for human relations work, etc.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 12, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

J. J. Brewbaker who, as you know, is the former Norfolk school superintendent and now is serving as educational consultant for SRC, is planning to visit school superintendents in Chattanooga, Davidson County, Nashville, and possibly Knoxville and Clinton in early May. He is anxious for any other suggestions we may have. Do you see other situations in Tennessee that would be ripe for some softening up from one superintendent to another?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 12, 1961

Dr. John Hope, II
Chief Consultant
Southern Regional Council
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Hope :

This letter will confirm my telephone request for consultant service for the Jackson, Tennessee inter-racial-group which is making valiant efforts toward understanding and solving their community problems. The group came into being in late November 1960 following student sit-ins, violence, and harsh law enforcement retaliation toward Lane College students. Since that time the Jackson group has grown to about 100 members-Negro and white. In 5 separate groups they have been meeting in private homes to talk about their community and its discriminatory practices.

They are, for the first time, inviting Nashville persons active in the local community relations conference for a night meeting on April 27, and we anticipate their interest in a more detailed workshop at a later period. For that reason, we are interested in being able to offer SRC consultants should this be their decision at the April 27 meeting.

We hope that SRC can make this possible and that we may have their answer prior to April 27.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ:nlh

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April 12, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling, Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Things seem to be moving in Jackson. On April 7, we received an invitation to present a panel in Jackson on April 27. This had been my offer in November and again in January when I was there, but at that time there was uneasiness about anyone from outside of Jackson being directly on the scene. The sit-in controversy is now in the process of negotiation, and the group is trying to determine what it should do next.

George Barrett, and I are going for their meeting that night. The Negro member is not yet selected. John Hope can't go, but I'm asking for some other service through the Council. (see letter.)

Danforth turned us down. Now, it seems more important to me than it did when we began.

When Vice President Lyndon Johnson was in Nashville on April 8, a group from NAACP Chapter met with him about merit employment. At their invitation George Barrett, Will Campbell and I joined them. The Vice President was very firm in the commitment to Executive order 10,925. Governor Ellington and Congressman Loser also attended the conference which continued for an hour.

I've been to Chattanooga for several days. Will give you details in next report. It's a confused situation and I fear the local group there has made some serious false starts. I'm equally sure I don't know how to get them on the right track again.

About a visit here. Our Board meeting is April 17. The Nashville Community Relations Conference is having its annual workshop April 24 - a night meeting and the hope for 400 in attendance. Would your schedule allow attendance at that, and to remain for the meeting in Jackson? If you come, we could probably work in a visit to Tent City. Will Campbell thinks

that situation is really fouled up, with the rift very deep.

Mr. Welsh, of the John Birch Society is speaking here on April 20 - admittance is by invitation only. I haven't been able to wangle an invitation, nor have any of my friends. We can just chat with the Veep.

Hastily,

Kay Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ:nlh

April 14, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

We were very pleased that you and Will and George were in on the conference with the Vice President. It was good to talk with you on the phone about it the other day.

My schedule would permit me to come to Tennessee for a few days beginning April 24, if you think it best. My indecision arises from the fact that I have sometimes found that to visit on the occasion of a large meeting such as the Nashville annual workshop provides less opportunity than usual for any consultation on program and organizational concerns because staff are usually so heavily involved in the meeting itself. My major purpose in coming would be to have some time with you and with Dr. Glasse, at some time have the opportunity to meet with the board, and of course to be of use in any way that you see as possible. I will be happy to come on the 24th if you feel this is the best time?

I am reasonably sure that we can work out something in the way of necessary leadership for a detailed workshop in Jackson later on, but you will be talking this over with John Hope.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

April 18, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Re: J.J. Brewbaker's visit to Tennessee

At our Board meeting on April 17, the following additional superintendents were suggested:

Murfreesboro: City superintendent
Clarksville: Montgomery County School superintendent
Kingsport: Sullivan County School superintendent
Sevierville: Sevier County School superintendent

While I have limited knowledge about these school systems, I would be happy to talk with Mr. Brewbaker or give him any help I can during his visit.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

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Atlanta 3, Georgia

Paul Rilling:

If your time is available I hope you can come to Nashville April 24. There is a T.V.A. plan leaving Atlanta at 5:30 P.M. (EST) and arriving Nashville 5:36 P.M. (EST). It has first class and tourist accommodations. I do have some responsibility for the workshop, but it will be largely ~~compiled~~ completed before then.

Dr. Glasse is available all Tuesday morning, and we both want to talk to you about changes in our constitution - operation as we talk with existing groups about chapter membership. Both Knox County and Nashville are considering this and Oak Ridge is looking for some affiliation which is not quite chapter status. Enclosed is a copy of our constitution and other summary used at the Board meeting.

The Thursday night April 27 meeting in Jackson is still on, and I would hope you could attend it. I will make no definite plans until I hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

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Paul:

Movie theatres – not going according to plan. There has been a news leak. We may be in for a new massive stand-in.

Kay

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April 28, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
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Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

The Jackson meeting held in the County Court Room of the Court House on April 27, was attended by 65 persons. They were very alert and asked many questions. Their organization has been informal, and probably inadequate. I think we have the beginning of a Chapter there. George Barrett, who has been in Jackson numerous times when traveling with political candidates, remarked that a year ago he wouldn't have believed this kind of meeting could take place in Jackson.

About the school situation. There had been no legal suit, but is undoubtedly moving in that direction. Mrs. Ray Allen, who has spearheaded the local inter-racial group, thought that a visit from Mr. Brewbaker would be helpful. In the list she gave me, she omitted the school superintendent's name. There is no Board of Education, and the City Commission acts in its absence. Contact persons are:

Mayor of Jackson, Mr. Quinton Edmonds
Commissioner of Health and Education, "Buddy" Patey
Chairman of Mayor's Bi-racial Committee, The Rev. Frank Butler, Episcopal minister and member of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations.

The Mayor's Committee has not been effective, partially because the Mayor has really been unwilling to define their responsibilities. He has taken no lead in settling the lunch counter sit-ins and has fallen to the Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

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Executive Director

KJ:nlh

June 8, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

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Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

June 12, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

We no longer have copies of "Manual for Home Town Self Survey." This has been out of print for some time. I am enclosing a copy of "A Second Look, The Negro Citizen in Atlanta" which is one of the few remaining copies we have of this. One of these days we are going to do something along this line ourselves, and we will keep you in mind.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timothy Miller
secretary to Paul Rilling

Enc.
also The Negro Citizen in Alexandria

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June 7, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
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5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

Sometime ago, I mentioned the need for a community survey which local groups might use. Mrs. Anne Hitch of the Knoxville Area Human Relations Council says that you have one entitled "Manual for Home Town Self Survey." If it is still available, may we have a copy? She says that Atlanta also has a good survey form used by a Negro group.

I've just returned from 2 weeks in East and West Tennessee and the Little Rock NAIRO meeting. It was a stimulating conference, and I felt encouraged. It was good to see Les Dunbar, Marion Wright, John Feild, etc. Mrs. Tilly was here yesterday and I was especially pleased to meet her. As of last night, I think we got all our ministers back from Alabama, but not all of our students.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

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Executive Director

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Dear Paul: I'm planning to be present and voting athe Fisk Institute. I may not get to all of the sessions, since the Board has not really given me time off, but I an take in agood many of them. ~~If~~ For SRC and similar personnal, we would be glad for them to use this as headquarters for messages, mail and such in case they have no exact address. Will see you the second week.

No typist today

Kay

9 June 1961

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Executive Director

June 19, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

This letter is in reply to inquiries in the May 1961 SRC Newsletter.

On the matter of labor representation on the State Board we do not have at present a labor representative. As you know, George Barrett, president of the Nashville Community Relations Conference is a labor attorney, and we have a working relationship with Matt Lynch, executive secretary. He was one of our discussion leaders at the May workshop in Nashville which you attended. The State Labor Council contributed $50.00 to TCHR in November 1960. George Barrett describes Steve Para, State Labor Council president as "a good guy". While I do not know him personally I have heard him described as intelligent and reasonable.

Regarding wider distribution of SRC Newsletter, Jim Glasse recommends that it go to the Presidents of all local groups, and either all board members, or at least the Executive Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

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Executive Director

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June 20, 1961

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Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
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Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Is it possible for us to obtain 25 copies of "This I Believe" by Dr. Haywood N. Hill? Despite the word of caution that this is a somewhat grudging recognition of human rights, it is a useful article, for which we continue to receive requests. This is the article which the Chattanooga Council has used as the basis for its role playing. We are now down to one copy, and have distributed all of the April "New South" issues.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

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Executive Director

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QUARTERLY CHECKS, NCCHR & TCHR

Please issue current quarterly checks for North Carolina Council and Tennessee Council as soon as possible. (News concerning other quarterly checks will follow shortly; however, these two have written urgently requesting their checks.)

Tenn – Jones

Dear Paul:

Aren't we supposed to get a quarterly contribution from S.R.C. for this quarter. We have usually received this during the first 2 or 3 days of the quarter, or earlier. The legislature gave us a hand to the footman – but no dice. Now, I better understand about Old Mother Hubbard's dog.

For the last 2 days I've been occupied with helping on a petition being circulated for signatures – for the Governor. Goal is reinstatement of A + I students dismissed because of freedom-riding. Doubt not sure this is an effective method but it was the committee's decision following the repeal of State Bd. of Education & reconsider. It is not going out in Council's name but much of the work is ours. I'll send you a copy.

I proposed Aug. 11 + 12 for the Jackson, Tenn. meeting as I hope to be on vacation on Aug. 4 + 5.

Mary Jones

Nashville
July 7 - 61

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KJ

July 11, 1961
VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Reed Garratt, Executive Director of the Southern Education Reporting Service, recently carried out a promotional effort through the North Carolina Council on Human Relations. SERS provided the North Carolina Council with copies of the June issue of the Southern School News sufficient for all persons on the mailing list. SERS provided mailing envelopes, subscription card, postage-paid return envelope, and took care of the postage for the mailing. The North Carolina Council carried through the actual mailing, enclosing a covering letter from Harry urging subscriptions on the part of his membership.

Reed has now suggested that he would appreciate it if other state councils would be willing to undertake a similar project. He is tentatively overprinting his July issue 1,000 with the thought that two or three of our state councils in July would cooperate with this promotional effort. We have had a good cooperative relationship with SERS, and the Southern School News has been an invaluable source of facts on the SCHOOL matter. I think they deserve our help in their efforts to expand circulation, and that our members would benefit from receiving the paper.

I am suggesting that the Tennessee Council be one of the groups to mail out sample copies in July. If you agree, write Marge Manderson this week, so that we can make the necessary arrangements. I will be out of town until July 17, but we need to move as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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Executive Director

July 13, 1961

Dear Paul:

First - about the SSRS - Southern School News - we would be delighted to mail a copy to our members. It seemed so formal to communicate through your office, that I talked by telephone to Reed Sarratt this afternoon ~~by telephone~~. He says that they will deliver to our office sometime early next week the papers, envelope, subscription blank and return envelope. He will send us a copy of Harry Jones' letter as he thinks it is a good one we may wish to use as a model. If you think of revisions which would make it more effective, let me know. I won't have time to work on it before the early part of next week.

Second - About the Jackson meeting. A trip there before the meeting seems a good idea. I can go almost anytime except July 18 and July 25 which are dates for the Nashville group to have meetings in preparation to becoming a chapter of the State Council, and I want to be on hand to encourage the marriage. What I'm most worried about is the time for the Jackson meeting. I will be on vacation starting Saturday, July 29. I could come back for the August 11 and 12 date. If August 4-5 is the only time available to you, then I'll need to cancel out on my trip to South Carolina. That's the only time I'm invited!

The Knoxville business is in a real mess. Jim Glasse wrote a long letter to the President of the Knox Area Council making the two suggestions about rotating board and no political activity, and got a reply that he didn't see any point in their becoming a chapter, since we had already established one there. (We haven't) At long last we have a state finance chairman, and I feel better about that. We've been coasting on the thin edge, and it gives me the jitters.

This new typewriter is giving me fits. It has extra keys where I don't expect them.

Kay Jones

Let me know about Jackson

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

July 14, 1961

Miss Marge Manderson
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Manderson:

In reviewing Paul Rilling's letter of July 11, 1961 I see that I was supposed to write to you regarding the proposal for mailing copies of Southern School News. I wrote yesterday to Paul telling him that I had already talked with Reed Sarratt, and we would plan to do this mailing to our membership next week. If there are instructions which I should have for this procedure, please advise me.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ:nlh

July 21, 1961

Dear Paul:

About the Jackson Tenn. Workshop - since this seems your week-end anyway - why not bring Mrs. Kelling along, and we will spend Sunday recuperating. I can offer you lodging provided one of you will take to the living room divan. It's really a bed, anyway. My former house-mate has retrieved her furniture, which was in storage, and has an apartment so I've an extra room. I haven't much to offer in the way of diversion, but we could spend Sunday

1) In complete collapse - sipping mint julips. I have a mint bed

2) Attending Kelly Miller Smith's church.

3) At Old Hickory Lake.

I know that you love on a lake, so water doesn't hold any fascination. However, you might want to try a different brand for taste and fit.

I'm assuming your arrival in Nashville on Friday morning, and our proceeding to Jackson that afternoon. From your letter, I assume one or more persons will be either coming with you, or you will bring them along. For your information Jackson is closer to Memphis, but is 84 miles. It's 147 miles from Nashville.

I assume you will know, before this reaches you that the Nashville Park Dept. swimming pools have been closed — to avoid integration. Park Dept Board has announced the closure due to lack of funds, but it followed immediately after Negro students requested permission at one of "white" pools. The problem is that the Park Board is an independent city agency with a self-perpetuating board, and its tax support + structure is written into the city charter. It's difficult to determine the pressure point.

Nashville group doesn't have a new presidential candidate. Their first + second choices turned them down because of other heavy (and realistic) commitments. I'm concerned. I think they sent you a copy of the Workshop summary — but here's another.

Hastily

Roy Jones

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Dear Paul

Nashville Con. Rel. Conf. annual meeting is tonight. We have reservations for 140 people - at Maxwell House Hotel. It's raining and I'm concerned whether they will all show. We plucked John Field off of phone at noon. He's having a meeting with Federal department heads this pm. We are being successfully boycotted by all Fed. contractors and nearly all Fed employees -

Provided I survive, I leave tomorrow morning for Chapin, South Carolina. That's near Columbia, and I may see Mrs Spears more while I'm there.

No reply yet from Jackson. I'm written again. Nashville membership will vote themselves into Tenn. Council as a chapter tonight. I'll shoot them if they don't!

Our swimming pools are still closed. Newspapers are carrying no stories about it.

Roy Jones

July 28, 1961

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

July 21, 1961

TO: Members of the Council

FROM: Katherine Jones

The Southern Education Reporting Service has made this July issue of Southern School News available to all Council members without charge. This monthly publication gives a factual and unbiased account of what is happening in the Southern states as a result of the U. S. Supreme Court decisions of 1954 and 1955, outlawing enforced racial segregation in the public schools.

Citizens who want to keep informed in this area cannot afford to be without Southern School News. You will find an envelope and subscription card enclosed. If you are already a subscriber, will you kindly hand this sample copy to another person who may be interested?

15 Aug 1961

To: Paul Rilling

From: Tenn Council

When I talked with you this morning, I had not finished reading the lippings which accumulated during my sojourn out of the state. So - it appears that Jacksonis facing directly the school integration business, and with no apparent leadership from school people. I don't know any of the people mentioned here. This instance may give impetus to the workshop - we always seem to do better in times of crisis.

I'Ve written to Mr. Forgy in Jackson, relaying the names of the leaders who would be coming, and suggesting the Mr. Forgy telephone me. I'll write to him each day, so he will know we really are coming.

Jim Glasse is back in town, but sick. He is supposed to go to Yuma Arizona next week on a preaching mission, provided he recovers sufficiently. I am still concerned about finances. We have not yet met our quota for SRC matching funds. We lack $970. As the deadline approaches, I get more frantic. Some money is promised, but hasn't come in, and everybody is out ot town.

At this point I just talked to Mr. Forgy of Jackson. He wants to knowwhether you have a preference for staying in a hotel or motel, or as guest of a local family. I told him that Mrs. Rilling might be coming along. (This typewriter takes off now and then and does strange things.) Here are directions for Dr. Lincoln. If he arrives at 5 P.M. or after, he should proceed directly to Mr. Forgy's home which is at 1010 Prospect Ave. This is on the corner of Crescent and Prospect, and just off of Highway #45, which intersects Highway 70, his probable route from Memphis. Mr. Albert Porter of Lane College, who lives at 320 stonewall (near Lane) is making arrangements for Dr. Lincoln's overnight accommodations. Mr. Porter's

Telephone is 7-1339 . Mr. Forgy won't be home from work until after 5, Mr. Forgy's home number is 7-8147.

The plan is for an open meeting at 7:30 P.M., but it apparently will be smaller than they anticipated, since so many of the college people are out of town. Prior to that meeting there will be some get together with local leadership to try to ferret out more specifically what they want. Mr. Forgy says that there have been several applications of Negroes to enter the white schools, and the local group id already working on that. The Chamber of Commerce has a select committee working on the lunch counter desegregation, not yet completed. Evidently, the Chamber took over a more aggressive role when things just bogged down, and Mr. Forgy says the executive has the complete backing of the committee - one member is Sam Wahl, treasurer of the local council.

Now that I've talked to Mr. Forgy today, I don't know what I'll write to him tomorrow. Probably a sonnet.

Let me know about your plans for arrival. Hope Mrs. R. is coming along. It is a 3½ to 4 hour drive down there. No mountains, but there are curves lots of them.

Guy Jones

Aug 15

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY
August 15, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Things are more or less in order here concerning the Jackson workshop. I am enclosing a copy of a suggested outline, subject to most any changes. I will be out of town until Wednesday night. Perhaps you should write or phone here so that we may tell Eric Lincoln where and at what time the Friday meeting will be. He will be in Jackson that afternoon and will contact Mr. Merriwether, but it would help to know of what school he is principal. I believe that Eric will do us a fine job. I will telegraph you my own travel schedule as soon as I know it.

We will also need to know the exact time span of the conference. I would suggest 9:00 - 12:00 A.M., 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.. I assume one of the local officers is prepared to serve as sort of general chairman to introduce us, open meeting, etc. You will note that I am suggesting that the first topic be some presentation on the local situation and that in the state, either by you or a knowledgeable local person.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm
Enclosure

August 24, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Miss Jones:

Paul Rilling has asked me to forward you any material we have on the Columbia, Tennessee race riots of 1947-48. From a check of our clip files, I suspect that the riot in which you are interested was the one in February, 1946, instead, for newsclips don't reflect any information on Columbia riots in either 1947 or 1948. We have extensive clips on the '46 riot, and I am sending you a few selected clippings and items which seem to cover the story. Let me know if you need further coverage. You might be interested in checking the account in The Negro Yearbook for 1947, pp. 246-253, if one is available to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM:s
Enclosures

September 6, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

In our current newsletter, which you will soon receive, we note that we are anxious to obtain some stories dealing with success or interesting program from local groups. It occurred to me that perhaps the record of the Nashville Conference over the past several years would make an excellent story. Would you agree?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 12, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Miss Jones:

We are enclosing a few newsclips and a brief compilation which will provide names of a few associations whose enunciated policy it is not to use segregated meeting facilities. Regrettably, the specific names of the organizations quoted in our September, 1960, New South article are no longer available. I am sorry, for unquestionably, the names would make the material much more potent.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

August 30, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

The Nashville Chapter is interested in an approach to the Mayor, and the new Charter Commission, pressing for opening up the central city to full use of convention goers. Nashville is constructing a $5 million auditorium in the central city, and must pay for it by conventions or taxes.

Do you have any listings of associations who will not use segregated facilities - meeting places, housing, food service - for their conventions? I have the September 1960 "New South" quoting from some of them. It would be more telling to have specific names of organizations. Any ideas on how to handle this will be welcome.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ:nho

September 15, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

The only thing is, I don't think anyone here could construct the story of the Nashville Conference. What we really want is for someone there to write the article at least in rough draft, or at the very least, to pull together a file of materials. I think it would be most difficult for anyone here to construct an article with any sense of life. Any chance of you getting a local author?

Many congratulations on your fund raising success. I have worried about you from time to time since my last visit to Tennessee. Onward and upward!

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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Executive Director

September 11, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Stree, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

The Nashville Conference would be delighted to have their 5 year history used as a basis for an article. I have just talked with George Barrett and he is meeting today with Dr. Gideon Fryer the new president of the Chapter. The Chapter is having its first Executive Committee meeting September 14, but I'm sure it is unnecessary to await formal authorization. The enclosed summaries may be of help in constructing the story. Wallace Westfeldt was to write the story of the Conference, but did not do so and has now returned the material. What would be required from the Chapter?

By this time you will know that we raised the required $4100 for matching funds. Most of it from the Nashville area, but are now pushing for additional funds from across the state. What kind of formal report do you wish?

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

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September 20, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Thank you for your quarterly report and again congratulations on your near miracle in meeting the higher matching total this year. I was particularly interested in the further information on the creation of a new organization in Jackson. Surely the lunch counters are open by now. Give us any information you have on the potential of the biracial commission in Athens. We are trying to keep up to date on such groups.

On future financial statements, please show bills outstanding, if any, so that we may have a clear picture of your financial situation.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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Same letter to
Field Foundation
and
Taconic

September 27, 1961

New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Gentlemen:

The Tennessee Council on Human Relations wishes to ask the Foundation for a grant, to make possible an urgently needed extension of our program. The enclosed brochure describes our purposes, structure, and principal activities, and lists our current officers and staff. Attached is a summary of our membership growth, our current budget, and our source of funds for the last fiscal year.

With the rise of the student protest movement, spearheaded in the South by Negroes, the urgency for understanding across campus barriers has become even more compelling. The old methods of accommodation for both white and Negro students are no longer relevant. Channels of communication and association, formerly utilized, have fallen into disuse, and, in some instances, are discouraged by college administrations. There is an uneasiness among college students, both white and Negro, as the old images are outmoded, and the new ones not clearly defined. Since the Council's inception there has been a special emphasis on student participation.

In light of this, we recognize the urgent need to expand our services in the college and university communities, most of which are clustered in or around our major cities as follows:

Memphis

Memphis State University
Southwestern University
LeMoyne College
Owen College
University of Tennessee
Medical School and
Extension Service

Knoxville

University of Tennessee
Knoxville College
Maryville College
(20 miles from
Knoxville)

Nashville

Vanderbilt University
George Peabody College
Scarritt College

Jackson

Lane College
Lambuth College
Union University

Nashville

Fisk University
Meharry Medical College
Belmont College
Tennessee A & I State University
American Baptist Seminary
University of Tennessee
School of Social Work and
Extension Service

Chattanooga

University of Chattanooga

In each of these centers the Tennessee Council on Human Relations has members, in addition to others known to be in sympathy with our purposes. We have found college and university faculties the likeliest groups from which to gain support and membership. They have had wider opportunities for thoughtful study of human relations, and recognize the necessity to modify old concepts; they have diverse geographical, social and academic background; they are relatively free from pressures to conform, and are often in creative communication with one another. In many cases, however, they lack direct encounter in local community matters, and in some cases, they desire to overcome this insulation for themselves and their students. Within the total of sixty officers and board members of our Council, there are fourteen who are college professors and administrators.

We propose adding a full time staff member to our Council to work exclusively with college leadership--undergraduate, graduate and faculty--in bringing together students in different colleges in the same or nearby communities. We do not evision the creation of a new campus organization, but the utilization of existent groups which might be stimulated to broaden their outlook by wider associations. Groups serving in this capacity might include the following:

(1) Baptist Student Union, Canterbury House, Westminster House, Hillel Foundation, Newman Club, The Wesley Foundation
(2) Political Science Club
(3) Student Association for the United Nations
(4) Student Christian Associations
(5) International Relations Clubs
(6) History Majors
(7) National Student Association Chapters

This project has already been considered by a faculty group in Nashville, representing several of the colleges, and has their enthusiastic endorsement. Upon their recommendation, our staff member has attempted to assess the willingness of the already existing organizations to do the necessary recruiting across campus lines for the formation of such groups. In each instance, the organizations approached have offered their cooperation but could not supply the staff time required. Our Memphis membership, including students, was also enthusiastic about the program.

In each "college cluster", our staff member would need to determine the most feasible channels and work out the procedures. Resident adult members of the Tennessee Council would assist in program planning in the local college community. Considerable time would be involved necessarily in locating comparable groups in Negro and white colleges who might be stimulated toward this broadened interest. This project is designed to bring students together across racial lines, but on a basis of mutuality of interest and respect for individual achievement and ambition. We believe that it is imperative that college students have successful experiences along these lines before

they take their places in the business and professional world.

Tennessee Council on Human Relations Contributions

The Council would offer office space, clerical service, administrative supervision, and all other resources of our continuing program. Students have always had a vital part in the Council's program, and with the continuing support of college faculty, we anticipate increased interest in student activities.

Council faculty members across the state would form a supporting committee. As this inter-campus interest became standard procedure, it is hoped that faculty advisors would accept and promote it just as they do on-campus clubs. Hopefully, we would not need a special staff at the end of three years, but could include this as a continuing program responsibility carried by local members as part of their contribution.

Staffing

A recent college graduate or other young adult with group leadership experience, preferably male, free to spend time in travel to colleges over the state. Candidate should be able to meet students, faculty and college administrators comfortably and effectively. Perception and commitment to ideals of full and free opportunity for all people is more important than specific courses completed.

Request

Grant of $9000 per year for a three year program as outlined.

We will be most grateful for your consideration of this request. If additional information is desired, we will be happy to supply it.

Cordially,

James D. Glasse
President

JDG:nlo
Enclosures

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
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Chartered by the State of Tennessee, July 22, 1955

Originally the Tennessee Council was an integral part of the Southern Regional Council, as were the state councils in eleven other southern states. Large scale program and financial assistance to state councils was made by the Southern Regional Council with the goal of having the state councils become autonomous and effective interracial organizations. Three years ago, the state councils became independent cooperating agencies. The Tennessee Council secured the services of an Executive Director on November 1, 1958. Previously there had been no paid staff except intermittent coverage by a part-time office secretary.

Membership Growth	Financial Support	S.R.C.	TENNESSEE
1958 - 120 Members	1958	$ 3750.00	$ 810.00
1959 - 300 Members	1959	6375.00	1317.65
1960 - 460 Members	1960	7300.00	5146.00
1961 - 654 Members to date	1961	4725.00	4105.00 to date

BUDGET for 1961

EXPENSES

Salaries	
Executive Director	$ 6,000
Office Secretary	2,100
Travel	
Executive	500
Board Members	500
Office	
Rent	500
Equipment	100
Supplies and Maintenance	200
Telephone and Telegraph	400
Postage	400
Books and Subscriptions	150
Miscellaneous	
Annual Membership Meeting	200
Contingent	150
New South subscriptions	2,300
Total	$ 13,500

INCOME

Membership Dues	$ 4,500
Contributions	4,500
Southern Regional Council	3,500
Balance from 1960	1,000
Total	$ 13,500

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

TREASURER'S REPORT, JANUARY 1, 1961 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1961

INCOME

Memberships	$ 2335.00	2785.
Contributions	1036.76	909.45
Nashville Conference	285.00	
Southern Regional Council	2625.00	2850.
SRC Matching	2100.00	
Interest on Savings	17.46	120.50
	8399.22	
Fund Balance January 1, 1961	1422.79	0.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	$ 9822.01	

EXPENDITURES

Salaries:	
Executive Director	$ 4500.00
Office Secretary	1530.00
Social Security	180.90
Travel	288.87
Office:	
Rent	500.00
Utilities	4.70
Maintenance	10.00
Supplies - Mimeo paper, carbon paper, etc.	250.06
Stationery & Printing	138.97
Brochures	103.00
Telephone & Telegraph	236.68
Moving to New Office	10.50
Pamphlets & Subscriptions	7.00
Postage	152.05
Auditor	125.00
MISCELLANEOUS	
New South subscriptions	538.00
Memphis Chapter Return	62.00
TOTAL	$ 8637.73

Balance September 30, 1961 (Excludes Sept. salaries and social security tax paid in October)	Checking Account	$ 84.28
	Savings Account	$ 1100.00

Income Received to October 25

Memberships	84.00
Contributions	125.00
Southern Regional Council	875.00
	$ 1084.00

October 11, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

We have heard from three foundations requesting our evaluation of requests from the Tennessee Council for funds for the college project. You may have told me that you plan to make application to other foundations. It is certainly a logical move following your turndown from the Danforth people. If you did inform me, it didn't register and I did not pass on the information to Les and others here. As a result, one of the foundation people asked Les's opinion by telephone and he was embarrassed to have to admit ignorance about the application. In the future, please give us notice about any approaches which you may be planning to any of the national foundations.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

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Return to
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A Council to attain the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South

October 13, 1961

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Were you not the one who told me the story about the Negro student who won the art contest and had to have a private showing so that his family could view his work in the public library? I certainly hope so. We would like to use it in the "Struts and Frets" section of New South. If the story comes from Tennessee and if you know about it, could you give me the specifics, like details and like names and like that?

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

Paul: We don't know about this. It seems to me I read it somewhere, but I don't think its Tennessee.
Kay Jones

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PR ✓

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Here's a copy of the request submitted to Field, Taconic and New World. I am sincerely sorry that I did not send a copy to S.RC. of the revised Danforth request. I knew better; it just slipped. But I did not think you were uninformed. I got the names of these foundations from you as "old line" ones which have repeatedly supported inter-racail projects.

While we did not think our chances too good, the board was anxious to continue our search, and with the withdrawal of funds from Highlander by Field, this seemed a good time. A development which has come about since the request was initiated is a pilot project now under way here in Nashville. Don Frank, graduate student at Scarritt College is getting together the religious advisor from all the Nashville campuses for some sessions about beginning mutual interest groups. They have a meeting at 2 p. M. Monday. Jim Glasse is working with him on this, and it is being done in the name of the Tenn. Council.

More anon - provided I live through this state meeting.

I truly am sorry that this slipped up, and I can see how embarrassing this could be for the SRC staff.

Katy Jones

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

October 19, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern REgional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Does SRC have any "free" literature which we may have for people attending annual meeting. I recognize that this is vague, and not very helpful in making selections. As you know from the program, we have tried to focus toward wider employment opportunity, but people who attend will be at various levels of development.

Southern Reporting Service has agreed to deliver extra copies of Southern School News. We have copies of the ADA calendar for sale and a few copies of the ADA pamphlet "The High Cost of Conflict", also for sale. We will take some books owned by the Council and individuals for display. We will also gather the extra copies of "New South" which we have, but there aren't many. If there are back issues of "New South" we could use them, plus other "extra" you may have.

Sorry you won't be around, we've really no idea at present what kind of attendance to expect.

Hastily,

Kay Jones
Katherine Jones
Executive Director

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November 16, 1961

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

Dear Paul:

I've just had a call from Mr. Maxwell Kahn saying that Field Foundation has turned down our request for funds to launch the student project. However, he says that they have decided to give us $7500 per year for each of the next two years to strenthen our program.

He asked if we had an interracial staff, and I explained the current limitation of staff. He rather vaguely remarked that they thought it helped to have an inter racial professional staff. I asked if he would relay to us any suggestions from the Foundation about the use of the funds. He asid that they had none, and would not want to make any definite proposals.

I recovered enough to ask him to come to see us. It seemed the least I could do!

Just want you to have this word right off. I telephoned George Barrett who is now the state president. And this letter is next.

Kay Jones

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November 22, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

As George Barrett has possibly told you, Les and I plan to come to Nashville on next Tuesday, November 28. Our hope is to arrive at 8:30 via Eastern Flight 122 and to be out again at 9:00 P.M. on Eastern 165. It is our hope that during the day we can meet separately with George Barrett, with Avon Williams, and with Vivian Henderson. In addition, I think it would be well if there was also an hour somewhere when you and I and Les could discuss any aspects of your program, particularly as it might be affected by your new grant.

If these gentlemen are not available on Tuesday or if you run into other snags please call me Monday. If the time is not needed for any of these appointments, why don't we plan to take you to dinner Tuesday night if you are free, and this could provide the time to let us talk a bit about the Tennessee Council, etc.. You have fed me the last two times so this time let us feed you in one of those places off the alley.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

December 6, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Field Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

When I was in Lebanon on December 5, I talked with Mrs. E. U. Robinson in an attempt to get a bi-racial discussion group started. Mrs. Robinson said that she had been a board member of SRC for several years. Had we known of this resource earlier, considerable time could have been saved in searching for support.

Would it be possible for us to have a list of SRC board members and their addresses who are residents of Tennessee. If so, would we be free to approach them directly?

Done 12/14 MM

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

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Dear Paul:

Thought you would be interested in these clippings and George's letter, plus one from local Council. Sunday I sent copies of your telegrams by air-mail to six people across the state, and more today.

I've been to Chattanooga, Athens & Cleveland. Chattanooga Council and the Mayor seem ready to move — but not the School Board. The School Board and their backers feel sure that Chattanooga Negroes don't want to go as far as NAACP lawyers are pushing. They are concerned about the "no transfers." It's almost unbelievable.

With the Obion and Humphreys Counties decisions, I think we know what future Court decisions are going to be. This should make local School Boards adopt voluntary plans if they want to "go slow."

Following selective buying in Nashville, some Negro salesclerks have been hired, and more are promised by large stores after Jan 1.

Sincerely
Tony Jones

December 18, 1961

The President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

We respectfully urge you to issue an Executive Order directing all Federal agencies concerned with housing and home mortgage credit to provide safeguards whereby their assistance is available to all Americans without regard to race, color and creed. We further request that you use your good offices to stimulate the participation of all elements of the housing and home finance industries in the achievement of a national purpose of equal housing opportunity.

We have been witness to the very considerable growth in employment opportunities for Negroes which has come from your Executive Order on Equal Employment Opportunity, and we believe that similar initiative related to housing would break many rigid and discriminatory patterns in Federally financed housing which are here evident.

Yours truly,

George E. Barrett
President

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cc: Paul Rilling

Gideon W. Fryer, President

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December 18, 1961

The President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

The Nashville Community Relations Council, a voluntary citizen group of 400 members, respectfully requests that you issue an Executive Order barring discrimination in all Federally supported housing.

Many Nashville Negro citizens, being displaced by the Federally supported highway construction program are unable to obtain standard housing for rent or purchase, because of racial restrictions.

Sincerely yours,

Gideon W. Fryer
President

GWF:mlo
cc: Paul Rilling

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December 20, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

The Anti-Defamation League Regional Office reports that a significant Dallas-type power structure effort at preparing for desegregation is underway in Chattanooga and that a power structure committee has been created for this purpose -- a sort of United Fund type committee. Mr. Brock, who is a member of the interracial group, is chairman of the committee. It is a virtually all white effort, although a couple of token Negroes are involved, including Major Jones. ADL has excellent access into the situation because of the involvement of several Jewish businessmen. Richard Shapiro of the ADL office here will continue to work closely with the group.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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Dear Paul:

I held this letter back for several days - the clippings, I mean, because thought that there would be something else to add. Three of the Lebanon sit-in Negroes were fined $3 and costs. I attended part of the trial which was held in a grimey little room back of the fire dept. The only people who had seats were the judge and person occupying the witness chair. Avon Williams was representing the Negroes. He was treated with great courtesy, and the Judge made very sure that he was addressed as Mr. Williams.

At least we have some white women - ten of them - meeting together but they haven't got courage yet to include Negroes, but that is in their plan. I imagine the holidays will slow up thier activity.

Louise Hurt Owen, our office typist leaves next week for good. She's moving to Memphis where her husband is with a life insurance co.

Executive Committee is scheduled for January 13 in this office. Main topic will probably be what to do with the Field Foundation money/

Boycott is off in Nashville, and the Negroes are bing encouaged to shop down town. There are a number of Negro salesclerks, and 3 of the large dept. stores have agreed to hire after Christmas.

I was in Chattanooga earlie this month. I think I wrote you that. It's unbelievable.

I will be away from Friday night, Dec. 22 to Thursday, Dec. 28. Louise will be back at work on Dec. 27, and we hope to get the Newsletter in the mail before the end of that week.

Katherine Jones

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January 11, 1962

Mr. Richard Shapiro
Anti-Defamation League
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

From Will Campbell, National Council of Churches, and Paul Rilling, SRC, I understand that you are heading up a teacher preparation for school desegregation in Chattanooga, with meetings scheduled for January 18 and 19.

The Tennessee Council has a small membership in Chattanooga and has attempted to assist the Community Relations Council there in its program. You may know from Paul Rilling some of the problems which the local council has faced. When I was in Chattanooga on December 12 and 13, I learned that you had established some relationship with the school people. This was the one encouraging note in an otherwise dismal picture.

I am writing at this time to ask if I can be of any assistance in your workshops. Would it be permissable for me to attend? Would the program you plan for Chattanooga be adaptable to smaller cities in Tennessee?

A number of county school systems will desegregate, voluntarily or by court order, in September 1962. As far as I can determine, none of these schools have plans involving teacher preparation. This is an area in which the Council has keen interest, and would like to acquire some knowledge and skill. You may feel that it would be better for me to visit your office in Atlanta in mid-February.

Will you let me know as soon as possible whether I should plan to be in Chattanooga and if there is any assistance I can give you. I am sorry to have missed you when I telephoned today.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

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KJ:jms
Blind cc: Mr. Paul Rilling

Tenn. K. Jones

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2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

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letter to Field

To: Leslie Dunbar
SRC Director

Paul Rilling
Director of Field Activities

From: Katherine Jones

Here is a copy of our proposal re Field Foundation grant.

Please give us any suggestions you have.

FIELD FOUNDATION GRANT

The Executive Committee of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, meeting on January 13, 1962 at the Council office in Nashville proposed the following program for the 1962 Field Foundation grant:

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January 18, 1962

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

The program of the annual meeting is quite impressive. I hope you sent it, or will send it, to other state directors.

In your quarterly report you raise the question of the best days for such a meeting. You might bring this up at the state staff meeting in February. I am afraid that there is no solution. Most of the other Councils hold their meetings on Saturdays, except for several who have tried the afternoon and evening of a weekday. Both systems have obvious shortcomings. I remember that in Virginia, the Jewish members indicated that they would have no serious objection to meeting on Saturday if Friday night and certain hours on Saturday were avoided. Just as many Christians do not object to Sunday afternoon meetings. I think the schedule you used this year was as good as can be developed.

I'm sorry to hear things are still frozen in Jackson. If necessary, perhaps we should try to talk with the Woolworth people at the national level, either through a trip by Jackson people to New York, or through our contacts in New York.

Congratulations on your panel of businessmen. This is practically a first.

When do you have a membership meeting which draws people? The only system that I know of is to schedule a membership meeting in connection with another event, such as a speech or a panel which will draw people to the meeting itself. Your membership meeting was plainly listed as all business, which invariably scares folks away.

The College Campus Pilot Project looks interesting.

I talked to George Barrett yesterday while he was in Atlanta, and heard his report of plans for expending the Field grant. They seem sound to me.

Give me some ideas for the agenda of the state staff meeting next month.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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January 25, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

When I am in Atlanta, I will tell you about developments in Jackson. On my visit there last week, I found that it hasn't been at a standstill. Several new businesses have settled in Jackson, and through Mr. Bell, they have agreed to employment of Negroes. Mr. Albert Porter of Lane College is recruiting the Negro employees and Pacaud Bell is getting them employed! Mr. Bell spoke at our annual meeting. The "Man of the Year" award is enthusiastically endorsed by our Council members in Jackson.

Dorothy Dawson, University of Texas graduate, former YWCA secretary, and now in Harvard Divinity School is interested in human relations job. When she was secretary at University of Illinois (I think) she organized an NAACP on discovering there wasn't one in the community. I do not know her personally, but know her friend Robb Burlage who is an interne in state government on a Harvard fellowship. He is an intelligent, attractive young man, very much interested in civil rights, etc. Miss Dawson may write to you.

George Barrett feels, and I agree, that our next staff person should be Negro. We are looking. I'll write later about questions for February staff meeting. I'm off to **Lebanon, 40 miles south of Nashville, just now.**

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

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Enclosure

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January 26, 1962

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Les and I have read and discussed your proposal concerning the use of the Field Foundation grant. It seems to us to be an excellent and clear statement and quite practical. Les said he thought it would be good if you would send a gracious covering letter, but you probably planned on this anyway.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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January 31, 1962

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

On the attached page, we have listed our proposal for use of the Field Foundation grant. Due to conflicting commitments around the Christmas holidays, our executive committee was unable to meet until January 13. At that time, they gave prolonged and earnest consideration to the use of the Foundation grant. There was unanimous conviction that this grant should be administered in such a way that we could assess its significance apart from our regular program. With the rapidly changing picture in Tennessee, it was agreed that the smaller centers of population held the key to future progress and they had received less attention from the Council. By helping them to establish communication across racial lines followed by joint endeavors, we could be of significant service. This was our procedure in Jackson, Tennessee, in 1961, and it was highly successful.

The Executive Committee submitted to the total Board of Directors a draft of their proposal. Revisions by the Board are incorporated into the attached document. We hope that this will meet with your approval.

We are negotiating with Dr. Vivian Henderson, economist and Fisk University professor, to serve as consultant on equal employment opportunities. Evaluation of community employment opportunities would serve as a springboard for bi-racial action.

We are grateful to the Field Foundation for this enlarged opportunity to serve all Tennesseans, and hope that our endeavors will merit your trust. We will appreciate comments and suggestions from you.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

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Blind cc: Mr. Paul Rilling, SRC

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January 29, 1962

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Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Ave.
Nashville 12, Tennessee

TO: Paul Rilling

FROM: Katherine Jones

RE: State Staff Meeting in Atlanta, February 15 and 16.

DATE: January 31, 1962

Topic for Discussion

1. What are state councils doing with students - college, high school and younger groups? Is there a unique contribution we can make? Are there adequate programs such as NSA, YWCA and YMCA, denominational groups?

2. What days of the week have proved best for annual meetings? What problems have you had with religious observances?

3. Do you pay travel expenses for board members to state meetings? At what rate?

4. What success have councils had in obtaining regular contributions from religious groups, labor or civic organizations?

5. We've had very limited success in increasing membership other than direct person to person. What other methods work?

Travel to State Staff Meeting

Earliest morning plane from Nashville (Eastern Airlines, departing Nashville at 7:15 a.m.) arrives in Atlanta at 10:15 a.m. Airlines office here says it will take more than an hour from arrival to heart of city. This probably means I would not be at SRC office until noon.

Shall I come to Atlanta on February 14, arriving at 5:58 (TWA) or 10:15 (Eastern)? TWA is cheaper as it has coach flight both ways. I will need accommodations both nights. Shall I make for Thursday night or will you?

Given to JM

Bus station segregation - Can't document any. Certainly Negroes are discouraged from using previously exclusive facilities by two entrances, food service in two waiting rooms, etc. We are inclined to believe that Negroes are not served or don't request it at some of small stops where there is no real station, but we know of no specific instances at present.

Enclosed is a brochure we've used more than a year, and fund raising statement.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

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February 8, 1962

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Miss Jones:

We thought you might be interested in the enclosed personal data sheet on Virgil H. Hodges in connection with your new staff position. George Barrett saw this information earlier this week, here in Atlanta, and is attempting to arrange for Mr. Hodges to come to Nashville for an interview. (Mr. Hodges is presently in New York, where he's just completed a semester at NYU; however, he plans a trip South soon, we understand.)

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

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To Paul Reeling

From - Katherine Jones

I will arrive in Atlanta on Wednesday by T.W.A, and go to Atlanta University as you directed. I'll be there before mid-night.

We have $1100 toward the $4600 matching fund goal. That's not very good.

Katherine Jones
Tenn. Council

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

February 26, 1962

MEMORANDUM

TO: Paul Rilling

FROM: Katherine Jones

RE: Knoxville

The following excerpts are from a recent letter from the Knoxville Area Human Relations Council. At our recent staff meeting, Mr. Dunbar asked about current accommodations in Knoxville.

"In response to your letter of February 20, as far as I have been able to determine there is no hotel in Knoxville that will house Negroes or permit them in their dining rooms, except in private dining rooms. Negroes may attend conferences in the hotels, eat with their group in a private dining room and use rest rooms especially set aside for them.

"Quite a few lunch counters are open to Negroes, but no large restaurant. A few of the restaurants which have several dining rooms will permit Negroes to dine in private dining rooms with a conference group. Otherwise, I am informed, the hotels arrange for Negroes attending meetings to eat at Trailways or Greyhound Bus terminals.

"Early in December the Holiday Inn housed Mahalia Jackson and her entourage and promptly received a scalding from the Ku Klux Klan via the Fiery Cross. I went to see the manager of the Holiday Inn to discuss the matter. He said he had not had a policy of housing Negroes and certainly would not do it again in the foreseeable future."

Kay Jones
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March 1, 1962

MEMO

TO: Kay Jones

FROM: Paul Zilling

You'll remember from the state staff meeting Harry Fleischman's mention of local Religion and Labor Councils. The national group has written us that contact persons for the local Religion and Labor fellowship groups in your state are:

KNOXVILLE: Paul R. Christopher, 216 Flatiron Building

MARYVILLE: Delmar Vineyard, President, Local 309, U.S.A. Alcoa

MEMPHIS: Earl Crowder, 136½ South 2nd Street.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Paul Rilling

FROM: Katherine Jones

DATE: March 21, 1962

RE: Albany Report

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Please send us ten copies of the Albany Report, if they are available. We would like to make use of them in the Lebanon, Tennessee situation.

There has been little newspaper coverage, and the situation is tense. It seems evident that the police are now determined to break the back of the Negro led movement. There has been some violence and there may be more. If the police have not encouraged the mob, they have done nothing to stop it.

There is a widely-structured white group, representatives of business, churches, government officials, etc. who have promised certain changes in Lebanon, but have not carried them out. I have been in touch with both Negro and white group for three months. The white group was determined to carry this through on their own--want no outside "interference." The problem is any kind of communication and total distrust.

Burke Marshall, the Governor and others are informed.

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March 30, 1962

TO: Paul Rilling

FROM: Katherine Jones

RE: Bus Station Segregation

On bus trip to Memphis on March 23, we stopped at Milan, 40 miles east of Jackson. The station is a separate concrete block structure, not connected with drug store or other facility.

On the front of the white building is an arrow which reads:

Colored WAITING Room

This points around to a side entrance which Negroes use. I talked with two passengers who told me Negroes might use the front or side entrance, but by tradition used the side one. If this is now illegal to whom do we make complaint? Both Greyhound and Trailways used this station while I was there.

Please?

George Barrett says the ICC Ruling applies only to bus stations themselves, not to drug stores and other businesses which sell tickets and are used as stations. As I understood the ruling, it applies to all places which serve as terminals. Which is it?

Let know

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was sent a copy of the
Full text of the
ICC ruling -

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April 5, 1962

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Anthony:

The information I gave you by telephone on April 4 was substantially correct, so I did not call you back this afternoon when I obtained a few additional details.

Catholic schools in Nashville and Jackson, Tennessee are not no longer segregated. The parochial schools in Memphis and Chattanooga remain segregated. In Knoxville Immaculate Conception is open to all but Msq. Seiner was not sure about enrollment there.

Father Ryan, boys' high school in Nashville desegregated in 1955, prior to the opening of public schools. Cathedral School for girls is now in its third year of desegregation. All other parish schools are open in principle, but not by enrollment. Two schools, Overbrook and St. Bernard are not under direction of the diocese, and are really anxious to continue segregation because they have large indebtedness and fear their enrollment will drop. In the first year that Cathedral High School desegregated 59 white children left, the following year 38 white children left, and this year a smaller number. Total enrollment has dropped from 411 to 250. One hundred sixty Catholic children in this parish are now attending other parochial schools, and 48 attending public schools. Negro enrollment began with 19 in the grades and 17 in high schools. Negro enrollment this year is 25 in grades and 40 in high schools.

Sorry this information was not available before your deadline. I talked with Southern School news; they keep clippings on lower level private schools but do not analyze it, and the inquirer must do his own research.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

KJ:jms
cc: Paul Kilpatrick

To Paul Rilling

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TENNESSEE WESLEYAN COLLEGE
ATHENS, TENNESSEE

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 6, 1962

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Miss Jones:

I appreciated your telephone call on Thursday, March 29, and then the arrival of the check on the morning of March 30.

Dr. Lincoln made the most indelible impression on our student body and faculty, more than any other person has made in the past year. We were delighted to use him in a thousand ways and were especially delighted that many of our negro friends from the town and Cook High School attended. He spoke to the entire student body and faculty at 10:00 A. M., and followed this presentation by a presentation to a combination of two classes, American history and physical science. The response of the students in the student assembly and in the classes was tremendous, and in all instances we had to drag Dr. Lincoln away in order to keep a next appointment.

After the 11:00 to 12:00 meeting, luncheon was served to the Honorary Scholastic Fraternity, and Dr. Lincoln was the guest. A more affable and likable person you never have met.

At 1:00 P.M. we used him again, this time in a larger class of all freshmen, and again he made such an indelible effect that it was thirty minutes after the class had ended before I could extricate him from the group of students and their questions.

We then conversed with Harper Johnson at the high school. I took Dr. Lincoln over,,and he met a number of the faculty and chatted with Harper.

On returning to Tennessee Wesleyan College we had the opportunity to meet with Burkette Whitt, a leading negro in Athens, and several of our faculty members. After that a rather exhausted man was taken to the plane by our director of development.

I say again that this was one of the most expressive and meaningful days on the Tennessee Wesleyan College campus. We gave him the check exactly as you had given it to us, and we assumed the expenses of travel, transportation, food, etc. May I express to you on behalf of the college, students and faculty alike, that we are most grateful to you for making this possible. I think the repercussions of this will be unending.

As I told you on the telephone, one of the most amusing aspects of this problem is that I wanted to use Dr. Lincoln at the Kiwanis Club of Friday noon. I talked with the man who had the program for Friday, March 30, about two months ago and learned that the date was free. He felt that this might be a ticklish problem and so wanted to

bring it up at the Board of Directors meeting. We brought it up at the February meeting of the Board of Directors and after considerable discussion it was tabled until the March meeting. Unfortunately, I was unable to go to the March meeting but had given a very detailed report to the president about Dr. Lincoln and his contribution. Needless to say the Board of Directors felt that this was too dangerous a problem. Hence, he did not speak there. I was quite amused that two members of our staff, who also happen to be Kiwanians, wanted to know why we couldn't have such an excellent speaker at the Kiwanis Club, and I proceeded to tell them what the problem was.

Through all of these ways, I do believe that Dr. Lincoln made an indelible impression, and we want to extend to you our tremendous thanks for your help in making this possible.

As I told you, we do not plan to leave for Defiance, Ohio, where I assume the Deanship on July 1 of this year, until sometime in the last of June. Anything that I can do to further the course of better human relations here or in the state of Tennessee before that time I shall be delighted to do.

Again, please accept our thanks and appreciation for your continuing help at this point.

~~Most~~ cordially,

Robert C. Mildram

Robert C. Mildram
Dean

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April 13, 1962

Mrs. Katherine B. Oettinger
Chief, Children Bureau
U. S. Department of Health and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

Filed in Research

Dear Mrs. Oettinger:

The Children's Bureau publication 395-1961, entitled "The Lebanon Story," has recently come to my attention. I read it with interest and concern. From talking with a number of Lebanon residents, that concern has become dismay.

We are all proud of any small town which girds itself to positive action in behalf of its youth. We believe recognition is due such efforts, in behalf of the whole community. But this concern for the whole community has not been the motivation in Lebanon, although your publication seems to indicate otherwise.

Let's start with the membership of the Wilson County Youth Commission--the 26 names listed on the pamphlet cover. There is no Negro among them, and no Negro has been invited to membership. Fifteen percent of Wilson County is Negro. Of the 35 members (page 11) currently holding membership, no one of them represents the fifteen Negro civic and social clubs.

That youth project involving the construction of a house, (page 5) using 35 high school boys was a good one. The house has now been sold and another house is to be built by other high school boys. It also will be a white house--lily white--they don't use any Negro high school boys. According to the pamphlets this project was helpful in decreasing school drop outs as well as increasing salable skills. Don't you consider that both goals are appropriate for Negro youth? The same segregated situation exists in the practical nurse training program. No comparable program is offered in the Negro community for youth, either segregated or integrated.

With considerable enthusiams this pamphlet describes the proposed recreational facilities, pointing out the necessity for all elements of the community to recognize the problems and then support efforts to solve them. With the exclusion of Negro representation, how valid are these purposes?

As disciplined Negro high school students have sought access to public accommodations by non-violent means, they have been met with taunts, jeers and physical violence by white Lebanon youth and adults.

Such actions have been embarrassing to Lebanon--so Negroes are arrested and fined; charges against whites are dismissed.

Several years ago, when I was employed in public child welfare service, I talked with you in Washington. I recall your suggestion that I write to you when there were matters in which you could assist. Now I am in a different setting, but no less an integral part of the broad concern of the Children's Bureau which this week celebrated its fiftieth anniversary.

The New Frontier has given leadership and support in the efforts of southerners to move toward human dignity--for all persons. We know how valuable this image is--respect and protection of human rights throughout this country. Your signed foreword and the story itself gives eager support to Lebanon's limited perspective. Even if unwittingly, it contributes to the long-time problems which Lebanon must face.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones, ACSW
Executive Director

KJ:jms
cc: Mr. Harris L. Wofford
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Blind cc: Mr. Paul Rilling
Mr. George E. Barrett

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Miss Louise Young, Nashville

April 18, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Here's an announcement of the Board meeting scheduled for May 5 in Jackson, Tennessee. We would very much like to have you present. The meeting was set in Jackson to entice Memphis board members.

This Commercial Appeal article of April 12, 1962 gives a summary of school developments in Memphis where a Citizens Council was recently organized. On April 6, we also had a visit from the Memphis Citizens Council members and the creation of a Nashville Citizens Council. Our observers at the meeting reported about 80 people present, mostly middle-aged and older. Considerable money collected.

I attended the 4-15-62 Jackie Robinson voters rally. Mr. Branton spoke very effectively. I did not have an opportunity to meet him--all my Lebanon friends surrounded me, the crowd was obviously disappointing to the people who planned the meeting.

Here are the "New South" photostats which I mentioned to Paul Anthony. They were distributed at the Circuit Riders meeting here on March 31, along with similar hate literature. A featured speaker was Mrs. Alexander, DAR member from Mississippi who is cleaning up the textbooks there. She had no textbooks to show us, for she said they were all before the Mississippi state board of education. I knew Mississippi had poor schools, but if textbooks are that short they are in bad shape.

No acknowledgement from Washington on Lebanon letter. No progress in Lebanon yet, but we are trying. On 4-16-62 I met with the Williamson County Council of Christian Men an all Negro organization at Franklin, 20 miles from Nashville. They are preparing for school desegregation in the fall. It's a grade a year plan, voluntary.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

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Thanks for Chattanooga employment policy.

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April 19, 1962

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hahn:

We want you to know of some of the increased activities which have come about through the Field Foundation grant.

The report from Tennessee Wesleyan College is part of a long range plan for this small community, east of Chattanooga. We have no members there, but are interested in developing a chapter, and especially in helping both the Negro and white community to overcome their apathy in regard to race relations. Negroes are systematically denied increased employment opportunities not only in Athens but in that region. There is little recognition in the white community that this is true, and limited pressure in the Negro community for change. This sponsorship of Dr. Lincoln, author of "The Black Muslims in America," was designed to stimulate interest in the effects of inequality and give the students and townspeople a new image.

The workshop scheduled for Johnson City is the beginning of a series. One will be scheduled later for the Athens area.

We are broadening our service to include working with groups in the smaller Tennessee towns, without regard to whether we have current membership there.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

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Encl.
Blind cc: Paul Rilling
George E. Barrett

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VIA AIR MAIL
April 23, 1962

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Thank you for your recent quarterly report. I see the financial situation still drags on. George Barrett and I discussed this a little on his recent trip here. It is a shame to have this problem continually hanging over your head and endangering your matching funds, but I must admit I have no brilliant suggestions.

As you may know, I did not get to the school conference in Chattanooga in January either. ADL here apologized for not involving you. They claimed that the lists were filled before they were aware of your interests. I think this is sincere. It is probably our fault for not speaking sooner.

On future quarterly financial statements, indicate any considerable bills outstanding so that we may have a clearer picture of the situation.

On the matter of the ICC ruling and its applications to other facilities which incidentally sell bus tickets, the ICC has attempted some interpretation of this, and the result is very fuzzy. What it seems to boil down to is that each case is judged on its own merits. If a drug store or other facility has a section of the store set aside as a bus station with seats, etc., the ruling apparently does apply to the entire facility. If, on the other hand, it is clearly primarily a drug store which does nothing but sell bus tickets, the ruling apparently does not apply. This will have to be spelled out in specific cases as they arise.

I think I better not try to make the board meeting on May 5 unless there are special factors requiring my presence.

My schedule is free and I could come, but I am currently running a defecit on my travel budget and am trying to cut down wherever possible.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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May 2, 1962

TO: Paul Rilling

FROM: Katherine Jones

RE: Fortune Magazine reprint, "The City and The Negro"

Will you please send us 10 additional copies of this article. We received four copies.

It seems to me exceptionally pertinent to any area with a Negro community. In the present discussions in Nashville and Memphis, it might provide a vehicle for frank discussion. I will take the present copies to the Board meeting, and anticipate additional requests. If we want reprints in quantity, what is the cost and where do we obtain them?

Katherine Jones

P. S. - Are all first-class hotels in Richmond, Virginia desegregated? If not all, which ones? This has come to us by grapevine, but we need to have it confirmed.

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TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

May 8, 1962

TO: Paul Rilling

FROM: Tennessee Council on Human Relations

RE: Public Accommodations

The following hotel accommodations are open to all persons:

✓Inns of America	Johnson City
✓Holiday Inn	Oak Ridge
✓All Gatlinburg Hotels	Gatlinburg

These motels are open to bi-racial conferences where reservations are made by parent body in advance, or through governmental request:

Albert Pick Motel, 320 Murfreesboro Road, Nashville

Holiday Inn of America, 1800 West End Avenue, Nashville

Some hotels in Memphis will take overnight Negro guests as part of a convention, but they do not eat in main dining room, or have full use of hotel. In Nashville, The Hermitage Hotel and Andrew Jackson Hotel take large dinner meetings and act as conference headquarters, but not very gracefully.

Kay Jones

P. S.-John Marion just reported that Smokey Mountain Lodge, Townsend (near Gatlinburg) Tennessee is fully open to conventions and conferences.

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May 8, 1962

Miss Katherine Jones, Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Miss Jones:

Ten copies of the Fortune reprint, "The City and the Negro," are being mailed to you today under separate cover. Quantity copies may be ordered from:

Ella A. Jones
Publisher's Office
Fortune
TIME & Life Building
Rockefeller Center
New York 20, New York.

The reprints are rather expensive: .20¢ per copy. No reduction for large quantity was quoted to us. We suggest that you order them rather quickly if you do decide you need them at this price; this is an article which will probably get away in short order. We have only a few hundred copies on hand, and therefore we would prefer that you purchase them directly from the magazine, if they are still available there.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

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May 8, 1962

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

We are sending you the requested articles of the Fortune magazine reprint.

Concerning hotels in Richmond, the major downtown hotels are completely desegregated. These include the John Marshall, the Richmond Hotel, and the Jefferson Hotel. There has been no official announcement and facts are known only as the facilities are tested. It is uncertain whether the William Byrd Hotel, also a major facility, is in fact open. The Holiday Inn is not. The Howard Johnson Motel has recently been sold to the Wright Townhouse people and is apparently not yet open.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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Department of
Health, Education, and Welfare
Social Security Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Children's Bureau

May 15, 1962

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Miss Jones:

I am glad that you wrote me about your concern for the absence of Negro representation on the Wilson County Youth Commission and the fact that the activities reported in the Children's Bureau publication, The Lebanon Story, have not up to this time included Negro youth.

We are not only glad to have this brought to our attention, but feel that your own activities on behalf of the whole community can achieve much with the Lebanon residents most closely concerned. We do consider the work of the Wilson County Youth Commission an excellent example of local initiative and hope in the future they will involve the efforts of all segments of the community working together.

Since the Tennessee Commission on Youth Guidance worked closely with the Children's Bureau in gathering the material for The Lebanon Story, I have discussed this matter directly with Mr. Clarence Boebel, Executive Director, just prior to his departure for another job. He assured me that Miss Elmore, his successor, and the members of the Commission, including Dr. W. S. Davis, President of Tennessee A & I State University would be appraised of this situation. The Commission itself and its Committee on White House Conference Follow Up, chaired by Mrs. J. A. Hill of Morristown, I am sure will take such action as they deem appropriate. As you know, the Commission took the initiative in assuring that Negroes, both adult and youth, were included in the official Tennessee delegation to the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth.

In reporting on local activities, the Children's Bureau with its awareness of the importance of equal opportunities for every child attempts to select community projects in which a truly integrated effort is being made. We appreciate the constructive nature of your comments and I shall be glad to hear from you at any time.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine B. Oettinger
Chief

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TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

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May 17, 1962

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mrs. Lawrence Coe, Memphis
Mrs. G. W. Stanley Ish, Jr., Memphis
Mr. Albert Porter, Jackson
Mrs. Ernest Silver, Oak Ridge
Mr. Lewis Sinclair, Knoxville
Mrs. Ben Russell, Greeneville

FROM: Katherine Jones

The following memorandum was received today from Paul Rilling of the Southern Regional Council:

"Enclosed is an announcement of a human relations workshop to be held at Spring Hill College in Mobile this summer. To our knowledge, this is the first such workshop in the Deep South and one that merits what support we can provide. Father Foley, who is directing the workshop, has indicated that he is still in need of applications from prospective participants throughout the South.

"He is particularly interested in teachers, but will consider other persons. He has some funds for assistance to out of town persons. Applications should be forwarded to him as soon as possible. Any help you can give by way of encouraging persons to apply will be appreciated."

We had not known of this workshop previously, additional pamphlets may be obtained from Spring Hill College.

We are also enclosing folders describing the Race Relations Institute at Fisk scheduled for June 25 to July 7.

KJ:js

Enclosures

cc: George E. Barrett
Paul Rilling

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June 5, 1962

Mrs. Ethel Dumbauld
Executive Secretary
Houston Council on Human Relations
3605 Fannin Street
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Mrs. Dumbauld:

This is in reply to the question raised in your memorandum of May 31 to state councils. The Nashville Community Relations Council has voiced a concern in the Church-State area as it affects public education - especially in primary and secondary levels. In Nashville schools there is both daily Bible reading in public schools, with little account taken for minority groups. In this instance - Jewish and Catholic as well as smaller sects of the broad Protestant category. It has been established that some schools have classroom projects centered on the Easter theme, with emphasis on the crucifixion and resurrection. Christmas programs frequently go considerably further than regarding this as a holiday, and attempt to build in its religious significance for the majority group. Jewish children have been singled out because they have been absent during Jewish holy days. Even when this has not been intentionally vicious it has an alienating effect.

We have not evolved a way of dealing with it, but this is now under consideration. We will be interested in any program you develop. Since our activities have largely centered on racial discrimination, we feel it is imperative that we begin some action in this area for itself and for community education in the broad area of discrimination as it affects other minority groups.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council

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June 15, 1962

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tenn.

Dear Kay:

George Barrett asked us to let you know which of the state directors will be attending the Fisk Institute. Actually, in view of the decision not to schedule a summer staff meeting in conjunction with the Institute, we don't know just which of them still plan to attend. When we wrote the directors some weeks ago in an attempt to determine whether such a meeting would be practicable, Harry Jones, Frances Pauley, Oliver Holmes (and You) indicated they would attend. Alice Spearman was undecided at that time, due to her husband's critical illness. Norman Jimerson, Nat Griswold, Ozell Sutton, Heslip Lee, and Bill Williams would not have been available. Heslip Lee indicated that if an associate director, the Rev. Michael Thomas, were employed, he would represent the Virginia Council.

I just telephoned Mrs. Pauley; she states that she and Mr. Holmes still plan to be there. About six persons from local Councils in Georgia also will attend the Institute.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

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June 22, 1962

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Thank you for your recent quarterly report. Paying the full expenses of board members can be expensive. I hope the attendance justified the expense. The Equal Employment Workshop abonds excellent. Vivian Henderson has become a sort of travelling road show on this basis. He has been to Georgia and Alabama, and is making a real contribution.

I always was impressed with the community assessment meetings in Nashville, but of course the long term effect is much the more important matter. I do not believe that Bob Coles went anywhere in Tennessee other than Oak Ridge. He is away for about a month on vacation and I havn't heard about his plans for the future.

I am somewhat concerned about your finances. Fifty cents a member from Chattanooga seems like a very modest amount. This may be necessary considering their lack of dues in the past and it should strengthen the Tennessee Council to have them affiliated. Maybe you can kick them up to a dollar next year. We don't mind your dropping New South from the basic membership, but would have preferred you to drop the magazine without lowering the dues. The experience of most Councils does not indicate that dropping the dues below $5.00 encourages membership. I hope that your experience is otherwise.

I will be leaving Atlanta next week for a month in Europe. What with sailing both ways and all we will not be back in Atlanta until August 12. I hope to drop in on you early in the fall.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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June 25, 1962

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Could you let us have about six additional copies of the mimeographed summary of the Johnson City Workshop on Equal Employment Opportunity appended to your recent quarterly report? We could use them here in the office for examples of constructive action in answer to information requests.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

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AIR MAIL

September 14, 1962

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

Make reservation

We are so very sorry that you cannot be with us on Saturday, September 15, for the Executive Committee meeting.

I would suggest that when you come next Tuesday to Nashville that you stay at the Holiday Inn, 1800 West End Avenue. John Hope will be staying at this motel at the same time.

If Miss Jones is not at the airport when you arrive please take a cab to the motel. She will contact you as soon as you get in.

Yours truly,

Dorothy B. Webster

Dorothy B. Webster
Administrative Assistant

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL

September 13, 1962

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Connections from here to Nashville and back make it so difficult that I think I will not be able to attend your Executive Committee meeting Saturday. I will plan to come over and see you next Tuesday on the following schedule: arrive Monday at 6:49 P.M. on Eastern flight 134; return Tuesday on Eastern flight 131 leaving at 3;30 P.M..

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of
Field Activities

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September 25, 1962

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

In Paul Rilling's absence I checked the matter raised in your letter of September 21 with the Voter Education Project people. They said simply that they would be very happy to have figures for those counties you do not feel to be accurate in the 1961 Civil Rights Report on Voting.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

September 21, 1962

To: Paul Rilling
From: Kay Jones

Voter Registration Information

This is in response to your telephone call this morning. Have you checked the 1961 Civil Rights Report on VOTING? This is still reasonably accurate, except for a few counties. Accoring to Memphis newspapers, there are now 2800 registered Negro voters in Fayette County, and "about an equal number in Haywood". I suspect the figures for Haywood are exaggerated. Don't know why Davidson County figures are not included, but I'm on the trail of that information, and think I can get it by Sept. 24.

Do you feel that the Civil Rights Report is so inaccurate that you cannot use it? I suspect it is about as good as we will get when we fill in a few of the blanks for the larger counties.

Let me know if this procedure will be satisfactory for your purposes.

any figures you can get that are not in Civil Rights Report O'K –

October 5, 1962

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay;

Thank you for the Quarterly Report. In answer to your question "Don't we get a check from SRC about this time?", you get a check from SRC each quarter on the first day of the second month following the last month covered in the quarter and upon the receipt of your quarterly program and financial report. No check is sent out until both of these requirements are filled. In this case, the earliest date for the mailing of the check was October 1. Your check was held up pending receipt of the Quarterly Report. It is now enclosed.

See you soon.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

P.S. I would suggest that you look up the Rev. Leon Smith, who recently moved to Nashville. The only address we have for him is Box 871, Nashville.

Leon is a Methodist minister who was influential and active on the right side of human relations causes here. He was a vice president of the Georgia Council on Human Relations and for a time served as acting president with distinction. I don't know the name of his new parish or assignment, but for your own good you should run him down and sign him up and tell him I said so.

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Executive Director

October 3, 1962

Dear Paul:

Late, but here it is, the Quarterly report. George said a week ago that he was writing to ask for a two weeks extension on the money for matching funds. Jack May was in last night again feeling somewhat discouraged. We have the amount about pledged, but that isn't "in hand". Meantime, I'm getting hungrier.

I've been in Memphis planning for the wrorkshop there on October 19 and 20, hoping to avoid all the complications experienced at the time of the Civil Rights hearings.

We are expecting you in Chattanooga ON Thursday, October 11 in time to participate in the "round up" from across the state. I assume you are fresh from the Mississippi wars. I can't really tell about the Annual meeting since we aren't getting reservations in this office. The program changes daily a new person can participate and an "assured" one cannot.

By the way don't we get a check from SRC about this time?

Major Jones

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Executive Director

October 15, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

As of today we have our $4600 in memberships and contributions to meet our matching fund quota. We do not yet have the additional $200, but hope this will come in during the month.

Thank you very much for coming to our meeting and for your participation on the opening panel.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

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Executive Director

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Executive Director

October 17, 1962

TO: Paul Rilling

FROM: Katherine Jones, Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations

RE: Voter Registration in Tennessee

There is apparently no way to determine the number of registered voters in Tennessee, except by going to each registration office and after gaining permission of the county registrar, counting the registrations. Race is one of the items noted on each voter's registration, but not on the registration card the voter carries away with him.

Davidson County (Nashville) has approximately 165,000 registered voters; 150,000 are white and 15,000 are Negro. I talked with the Registrar today. These are approximate numbers as they do not have an exact count. The breakdown in Negro-white registrations was obtained from V. W. Henderson and also is an approximation.

The only other registrations I might question, as given in the Civil Rights report are:

Fayette County - Change Negro registration from 1500 to 2800
Haywood County - Change Negro registration from 300 to 2000

The sizable areas of population wherein voting registration is omitted from Civil Rights report include:

Anderson County	with voting age population of	32,520 white
		1,034 Negro
Bradley County	" " " "	20,834 white
		1,520 Negro
Lawrence County	" " " "	15,837 white
		300 Negro
Madison County	" " " "	25,617 white
		10,416 Negro
Robertson County	" " " "	21,079 white
		878 Negro
Rutherford County	" " "	13,748 white
		2,656 Negro

(more)

Sumner County with voting age population of 65,683 White
1,438 Negro

Williamson " " " " 13,050 White
2,231 Negro

If you think it worthwhile, we will either go to these counties, after the November election, or ask some member to count these registrations. As you can see, this is quite a task if you must go over registration books page by page through 15,000 to 165,000 names. There evidently is no simple way to do this, and no state-wide registration totals from which to draw. Please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

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October 23, 1962

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

I very much enjoyed attending the recent annual meeting. It was certainly one of the best and most interesting that I have visited, and I qualify this statement only for purposes of self protection.

I'm afraid that we will have to blow the whistle on you on the matching funds. We are forwarding a check including all except the last $200 which was not earned by our liberal interpretation of the dead-line.

Let me have the report on the Arts and Crafts class when you have it finished.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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October 25, 1962

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

We very much appreciate your report on the South at our opening session, and your attendance throughout the annual meeting. Your concise report and superior delivery served to raise our standard considerably. We are grateful.

I was in Jackson, Tennessee on October 19, and Mrs. Ray Allen said they were hoping to have you speak there sometime this fall at an open meeting. The Woolworth lunch counter is now open for inclusive services and even at 2 p.m. seemed to have good patronage despite the one White Citizen's Council picketing on the sidewalk in front of the store. - Given to research

We have not sent you the CHATTANOOGA TIMES reports of the annual meeting since SRC subscribes to the TIMES. As far as I know, other papers in the state gave no publicity. There are several other news items we will be sending you as soon as Will Campbell's photostat machine is repaired. The economic opportunity workshop in Memphis was attended by about 50 persons, with an average of 32 at each session. While the total number was probably disappointing to the Memphis Chapter, it was enthusiastically received and some ground work for action was affirmed.

Best wishes and thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

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Executive Director

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

November 8, 1962

Dear Paul:

It has taken this long to recover enough to send good wishes to you, and condolences to SRC and the other state councils. Your departure is a real loss to Tennessee. I didn't realize until now how very much I depended on your being there in times of need. And in Tennessee we are frequently in need - various kinds.

D.C. is indeed fortunate. Reports which reach me via the grapevine indicate that they can make good use of your talents. In addition you can keep watch over our numerous former members who are sacrificial offerings to the Federal fires.

We've draped a file cabinet in black and bordered the latest "New South" in similar manner. We will try to cope, but it won't be easy. Meantime, is there any possibility of your coming this way before you depart this life?

Sincerely,

Kay

Katherine Jones

November 15, 1962

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

As you probably know, SNCC is holding its fall conference this year at Fisk University November 23 through 25. We usually have an observer present for purposes of liaison and reporting. Usually I have attended, but I see little point in doing so this year considering my imminent departure. What I would learn would be of little value to the Council.

We probably could send someone else from Atlanta, but wondered if you would be willing to represent our office as well as your own at the meeting. We are one of the agencies officially invited to attend the meeting, not that it's all that hard to get in. If I don't hear from you Monday or Tuesday, I will assume that you can be on hand for the meeting and will indicate to the SNCC office here that you will attend the meeting. We would hope that you would send a brief report on the meeting to me or Les, depending on whether you get it done by the 7th of December.

We were sorry to hear about the illness in your family and hope that things are not going too badly.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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November 19, 1962

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I had anticipated attending the SNCC meeting in Nashville, November 23-25, but will be unable to do so because of the continued critical illness of my mother. I am in the office today, but will leave Wednesday night for Kentucky and will be out of Nashville until Monday, November 26.

Dorothy Webster of our staff hopes to attend some sessions, but will not be able to participate throughout, the meeting because of earlier commitments. Will Campbell says he will be there part-time. Undoubtedly some of our members will also be there part-time, but I am dubious about being able to rely on them for a full account, especially a written summary. I regret my inability to fulfill this request, plus the opportunity to participate.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ/dw

November 19, 1962

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

I assume you know that I am scheduled to speak in Jackson December 6. You had indicated you thought it would be well for me to accept such an invitation. I will go ahead and meet the commitment even though it is now dangerously near my cut off at the end of my tenure here. I had thought I should probably consult with you about using the trip for other purposes such as coming by Nashville, etc., but time pressures are now such that my inclination is to go directly to Jackson by Memphis and back.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

November 19, 1962

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

I don't think I ever got around to telling you that when you have your next annual audit prepared, we would appreciate it if you make sure a balance sheet is enclosed. I'm not sure what this is but the auditor will know. Better still, we are enclosing such a sheet from the recent Arkansas audit. The idea, of course, is to give us some feel of the outstanding bills, etc., as well as cash on hand.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

November 28, 1962

LWD ✓
for your information
Return to PR
(later - clips to research)

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Here are the clippings from the Nashville Tennessean pertaining to the SNCC meeting here over Thanksgiving. As I told you, the illness in my family resulted in my being out of the city throughout the meeting. Mrs. Webster had anticipated going but was laid low by flu, and is still out. The partial reports I have obtained make it sound pretty good. The meetings did not stay on schedule. They began early because people arrived early, but from then on they were late. Evidently there was some working up of fervor for persons who had suffered personal abuse. There was a difference of opinion about non-violence, and its depth in philosophy in the movement. Some of the students from Swarthmore arrived in beatnik dress, and didn't improve it during their stay here. In general the students evidently behaved quite well. The most serious incident was one incurred by a Negro student who borrowed a car to transport some students, had an accident, and then had no driver's license. He was from out of state - Georgia, I think - and was lodged at Juvenile Detention quarters, but eventually was released. I do not yet know outcome of hearing, but that is considered a pretty serious offense here.

The Saturday night report session, which began an hour and a half late, was reported as being well conducted, and thoughtful. The police handled the sit in business with great vigilence. Robert Talbert was abused pretty severely by the Fitzgerald boy, and the police should have been more alert about this. It seems that both boys were put together in the plice wagon, and the white boy began pounding on him. The plice stopped the wagon, and a policeman got in the back and sat between them. However, they should have been aware that this was going to happen. Early reports that the police beat up Talbert seem to be unfounded.

I hope to see you in Jackson on December 6. I am grateful that you will be keeping this date, as I know how much the Jackson members are counting on you. Wish you could be present at the Nashville meeting on December 4, but I recognize the limitations of time. See announcement.

Katy Jones

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

December 4, 1962

Dear Paul:

In checking the airlines, I found that Twa has two flights which might fit into your schedule for Jackson, if you wish to come by way of Nashville. I will be going to Jackson, and can provide transportationfrom here if you wish it.

TWA schedule is:

Leave Atlanta: 12:15 noon Arrive Nashville 12:25

Leave Nashville 9:15 a.m. Arrive Atlanta 11:23 a.m.

It is possible that you can make better connections through Memphis, but unless you ride Southern, I know of no air connection from Memphis to Jackson.

Whatever you dicide if O.K. Just let me know if you decide to go to Jackson via Nashville. I understand that we are invited to the Ray Allens for dinner at 5:45.

Don't know what our meeting will be like tonight, but we have about 125 reservations, including several of the councilmen elect of our new city government. Our vice-major elect, George Cate, will introduce Mr. Gunn, the speaker from St. Louis.

Hastily,

Roy Jones

December 5, 1962

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

We have a communication from Ernest Bromley of "Operation Freedom" who claims that the group has been of great service in Haywood and Fayette Counties, Tennessee. They want us to publish the text of an appeal or something.

Would you let Paul Anthony know your evaluation of the program of this organization?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

December 11, 1962

Miss Kay Jones, Executive Director
Miss Dorothy B. Webster, Administrative Asst.
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay and Dot:

Many thanks for the thoughtful note. Look forward to seeing you as soon as I get rid of the old hat and get a little adjusted to the new one.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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Executive Director

December 7, 1962

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Welcome to the field; we've just learned that you are our new circuit rider. We will be delighted to see you whenever you come to Tennessee, and our door swings wide in welcome.

We look forward to seeing an old and trusted friend in a new partnership.

Sincerely yours,

Katy Jones
Katherine Jones
Executive Director

Dot Webster
Dorothy B. Webster
Administrative Assistant

MM

December 11, 1962

Mr. Nat Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Here are the offerings clipped from the Nashville Tennessean pertaining to the current sit-in activity. There has been no editorial comment, but news coverage is more sympathetic than was true in 1960. We regret that the photostat of letters to the editor is so poor, and when a new screen is delivered tomorrow, we will try this again.

The sit-ins which started on November 24, have been repeated each week-end. For more than a year there have been attempts to negotiate with independent restaurants. All such talks have proved fruitless, and the demonstrations resulted. While there is a difference of opinion, as always, about the sympathy for the demonstrators, observations made by people who observed from the crowds indicate more identification with the demonstrators than was true in 1960 and 1961. We know that the repeated demonstrations are making other merchants, including the ones who have desegregated lunch counters uneasy, and this may be effective.

We do not anticipate leadership from present city government since a new city council (for our new county-city metropolitan government) was elected in November and will take office in April. Therefore, the current one is a lame duck, and not likely to exert any leadership in controversial matters.

Our papers have carried no pictures of Negroes with switch-blade knives. If you have an extra copy of this we will like to see it. If not, does your copy indicate what wire service sent it, and the photographer?

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Paul Anthony, Southern Regional Council

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December 18, 1962

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Thanks for the very helpful information on "Operation Freedom." We knew almost nothing about the group and this makes it possible for us to make a decision; one which will, I am certain, be in line with your own conclusion.

We have copied the clippings and other materials. Your originals are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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Executive Director

December 12, 1962

Mr. Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

On December 5, Paul Rilling wrote to us asking for an evaluation on "Operation Freedom" in Fayette and Haywood counties, Tennessee. Enclosed are clippings pertaining to their activities. These are our only copies, except for the Tennessean article of 12/13/61.

Frankly, I don't know what to say about this group, and in addition, I don't really have any current information. The whole business in those counties has been so disorganized, and so split by internal friction that it is impossible to get any dispassionate and unbiased opinion. Dr. Lewis Jones has been working with the National Sharecroppers Fund which has had better leadership and planning, and I thought that he might have better information. Unfortunately, I cannot reach him at present.

I have no doubt that the "Operation Freedom" people did give some real assistance to the hard pressed victims in 1960 and 1961. However, their tactics have been such that they have probably added to the hostility of the white community. They seem to be a real far-out group who are determined to rescue the lost souls in the foreign mission field of the south. One of their members who attended the Fisk Race Relations Institute in 1961 went from Nashville to these counties, and visited among all of the ministers. The report was a highly emotional document, and while the experience undoubtedly left her chastened, I think it made the white citizens more suspicious than ever of "the outsiders." From some of our citizens in Jackson, Tennessee, which is in the county adjoining Haywood, I have tried to find a constructive way to work there. I know some of the Negro leadership from Lane College has tried over a period of years conducting literacy classes, etc. but by 1961 the civic and welfare leagues in each county had been so split that they could find no reliable way of taking hold.

I think the Sharecroppers have been more constructive in the situation than anyone else. We have, in the past served as a channel for information within and without the state, and have helped to get food and clothing to the Negro citizens there during the worst of the crisis.

(more)

Even if they get the industry for which the National Sharecroppers is giving guidance, there simply will not be enough work for many of these former sharecroppers. They are just part of the large, unskilled labor force which exists in many part of the south, and instead of encouraging the population to remain in these counties, it seems to me only realistic to encourage some of them to seek employment elsewhere. There will continue to be a large residue of functionally illiterate Negroes left with no skills beyond the simplest agricultural ones.

All of this is a poor answer to your question but I am dubious about promoting some of these far out causes with a good and substantial organization's name.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

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Executive Director

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Executive Director

December 18, 1962

To: Les Dunbar
Paul Anthony

From: Katherine Jones

This is to let you know that our office will be closed for Christmas from Friday night, December 21 until Monday, December 31. Officially the office is closed only December 24,25 and 26. However, Mrs. Webster is ill at present and may not be back at work right after Christmas. I will be in town, but expect to be attending the consultation on December 27, 28 and 29. I hope to see you then..

If you need to get in touch with us, our addresses are:

Mrs. Sherman Webster
2604 Shreeve Lane
Nashville Tel: CAnal 7-0230

Katherine Jones
3610 Brighton Road
Nashville Tel: AMherst 9-5597

cc: George E. Barrett

January 8, 1963

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Thank you for your very good quarterly report and congratulations on adding Bristol. I'm sure Happy Lee won't mind, especially since he's annexed Bluefield, West Virginia, to his own empire.

I'm told you and the Council did fine work for the December 27 conference. Many thanks.

By now you have received the memo about the state directors' meeting. It already looks doubtful for February 12-13, so we can only hope for the March dates.

The first quarterly payment on our 1963 grant is enclosed.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm
Enc.

January 24, 1963

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

It looks like March 5 and 6 for the staff meeting. Will you and Dot please hold open these dates. February 12-13 is out.

Your thoughts will be incorporated in the agenda.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

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January 29, 1963

MEMO: Proposal for Metropolitan Human Relations Commission

FROM: W. T. Dooley, Chairman
Community Conference on Employment Opportunity

Following a series of conferences with the Employer-Employee Relations Committee of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Governors of the Chamber accepted our suggestion and voted to recommend to the Metropolitan Mayor and support a biracial committee representing the various elements in the community. It was agreed also during the conferences that subsequent meetings between the Employer-Employee Relations Committee of the Chamber and our group should be directed towards the detailed organization of the proposed committee. An initial draft of proposals regarding the name, powers and function, composition, and administrative structure of the commission or committee is presented for your consideration, criticism and/or addition.

It is requested that the enclosed information and proposal remain confidential at this time and that the accompanying draft be returned with your comments. Final consideration and crystallization of the definitive proposals will be on or about February 8, 1963. You will be notified regarding the specific date, time and place.

/d
cc: Rev. Claude Walker, President of the NAACP

A HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FOR NASHVILLE

Draft Proposal

NAME

There shall be a Metropolitan Nashville Human Relations Commission established in furtherance of:

a) a public policy of equal rights and opportunities for all people

b) eliminating disabilities in the public life due to racial, national and cultural differences

c) establishing a climate of friendly association and racial good-will in the interest of the common welfare.

The Commission is established for a four-year period, and prior to the termination of this existence, it shall make evaluation and recommendation for further executive or legislative action for the better realization of its objectives as set forth above.

POWERS AND FUNCTION

The Commission shall have full powers, delegated through the Metropolitan Mayor to investigate complaints, conduct studies, and recommend administrative measures for their resolution in all aspects of the metropolitan government, its agencies and operations. The jurisdiction and concern of the Commission shall extend especially to the following areas, but not excluding others in the public domain: recreation facilities, public education, welfare services, administration of justice, housing and land use, and public safety.

The Commission shall assume initiative, in furtherance of a sound public policy for the community in the achievement of racial goodwill, toward eliminating patterns of discrimination in the broad range of public accommodations and voluntary enterprise over which the government exercises certain regulatory functions.

The Commission shall have responsibility for leadership and initiative in broad areas of public education for the furtherance of its general objectives.

On occasion, and not less than yearly, the Commission shall report publicly its findings to the Mayor and Metropolitan Council with recommendations for action.

COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION

The Commission shall consist of 25 citizens, at least 7 of whom shall be Negro, appointed by the Metropolitan Mayor. The Commission shall include representatives of the following segments of community life: religious institutions, labor, business, education and voluntary civic organizations. Commission members shall be citizens who subscribe to the objectives, philosophy and principles which this executive order is designed to achieve.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Commission shall have a chairman, vice chairman, secretary and other officers and committees as needed. The chairman shall be appointed by the Metropolitan Mayor and other officers shall be elected by the Commission members. The Mayor shall provide an office for the Commission to be staffed by an executive director and a secretary. A budget, adequate for the functioning of the Commission, is essential to its success.

This proposal is confidential and not for distribution. Please make changes on this copy and return it by February 4 to:

Dr. Wallace Dooley
Community Conference on Employment Opportunity
Meharry Medical College
Nashville 8, Tennessee

January 29, 1963

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

February 6, 1963

Done

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Will you send us any pertinent information on contents and form for an executive order for a Tennessee Human Rights Commission. The Governor has agreed to establish a Commission, by executive order, following the end of the Legislature. We will not be publicizing this agreement at this time, but have offered to obtain other laws or orders which might be helpful.

Enclosed is a draft of an order which we hope will be signed by our Metropolitan Mayor when he takes office in April. We do not have a commitment, but are working with other groups toward this goal.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

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To - Marge Mondesson

From - Kay Jones

When I left Atlanta last week I flew directly to Kentucky (Lexington) because of my mother's illness. The airlines quote the fare - Atlanta to Nashville - as $18.75. Therefore I put this on the Expense account, but attached the Delta receipt.

I very much appreciated the opportunity to come to S.R.C. meeting. Thanks to all of you.

Kay Jones

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April 1, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I just returned to the office today, after a week's absence. Here is the list of Tennessee cities. All persons listed are Council members except ones with asterisks following their name; however, they will know us. Some of the places listed I recognize as suburbs, usually incorporated areas in the central city. Others I never heard of, nor can find listed. Some of the towns I know, but we have no members nor encouraging prospects such as Borwnsville, Covington, Dyersburg and Milan.

Sincerely yours,

Kay Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

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Executive Director

April 8, 1963

To: Marge Manderson

From: Katherine Jones Kay Jones

We are working on funds, and would like to know if church bodies, other than individual churches (if any) make contribution to the Southern Regional Council. Miss Louise Young, former executive director of the Tenn. Council, believes that they did at one time, and wonders if this is still true. It would help us in recruiting memberships from individuals and church groups to know this.

In your last SRC NEWSLETTER, dated March 1963, you listed the Peabody Hotel in Memphis as a desegregated hotel. We've been checking on this since. I have just had a telephone call from Mr. Carl Carson, one of our influential board members in Memphis who tells me that all of the hotels in Memphis have agreed to take inter-racial conventions, and make all of their facilities available to these convention guests. All of the hotels will also take refugees from grounded planes on an equal basis. None of the formerly "white" hotels will take tourists, or all Negro groups; this includes the Peabody.

The movies in Memphis, that is the downtown ones, have desegregated also, but are anxious for no publicity. My fear is that Memphis moves so secretly that the Negroes don't know either. There have been no incidents in any of the desegregation which has taken place. The hotels and movies agreed to welcome these inter-racial customers provided they were guaranteed no publicity for fear of raising a furor in Memphis, and among the substantial trade they have with the delta country. Therefore this is all for your information.

It will help us, however, in negotiating with other public accommodations over the state if we can suggest that they make inquiry of the hotel association in Memphis to learn what they have done.

I do need an answer to this first paragraph as soon as you can get it for me.

No office assistance today. Hence, my typing.

April 10, 1963

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Here's the information on religious bodies who make contributions to SRC, taken from our financial statement for last year:

VEP:

1. United Church Board for Homeland Ministries ---$1,000.00

Fellowship of the Concerned:

1. Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina------ 25.00
2. Woman's Society of Christian Service, Southeastern Jurisdiction, Alabama----- 250.00

Trust for Burned Churches:

1. United Church Board for Homeland Ministries --- 5,000.00

General Operations:

1. The Protestant Episcopal Church in U.S.A. --- 1,000.00
2. Woman's Division of Christian Service, The Methodist Church --- 1,200.00
3. Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church-- 1,000.00
4. Board of National Missions, United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. --- 250.00

(General Operations, continued)

5. Board of Christian Education, Presbyterian Church in the U.S. ---$250.00
6. Board of Education of the Methodist Church --- 300.00
7. Woman's Society of Christian Service, North Carolina Conference --- 25.00

All of those listed under General Operations--with the exception of the ~~Board'~~ of Society of Christian Service, North Carolina Conference--and all under Fellowship of the Concerned except for the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, are regular contributors.

Thanks very much for the information on our erroneous inclusion of the Peabody Hotel in the Newsletter listing of desegregated hotels. Our research department did have a newspaper report to this effect which we considered reliable (if a little strange, judging from what I remember of Mrs. Coe's experiences with ~~them~~ the Peabody, from Pam Coe); now we know better.

Thanks also for the bit on Memphis movies, which we'll keep confidential even though our next newsletter listing is to be about desegregated movies.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

April 26, 1963

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Recently the Justice Department informed us of a number of school districts in which the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare had achieved agreements to make non-racial school assignments of children living on federal property. In Tennessee, there is one:

Shelby County (Memphis Naval Air Station).

If an opportunity arises would you keep an eye on this district, or ask a local member to do so? The success--or lack thereof--might be very interesting to know about.

Best to Dot and you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

For: Paul Anthony

Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Ave.
Nashville 12, Tennessee

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April 29, 1963

Miss Mary E. Switzer, Commissioner
Vocational Rehabilitation Administration
330 Independence Avenue, S. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Switzer:

We note that Dr. Morton A. Seidenfeld, special assistant in mental retardation, Vocational Rehabilitation Administration, will be a participant in the Southeastern States Regional Meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped on May 21, 1963. Mr. Bernard Posner of the President's Committee is listed as a member of the planning committee and Dr. John Blasko, Director of Psychiatry, Neurology and Psychology Service, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., is also a panelist.

While we are grateful for the assistance these specialists will be to the cause of rehabilitation of the handicapped in the six Southeastern states, we are concerned about the location of the meeting in the Hermitage Hotel in Nashville. This hotel is racially segregated, and will not accept Negroes as guests in the hotel, for over-night accommodations, in the restaurants, rest rooms, etc. It is the policy of the hotel to permit bi-racial luncheon or dinner meetings in a private dining room, provided the Negro representatives are a small percentage of the total number.

We are concerned over the apparent willingness of representatives of Federal agencies to accept discriminatory accommodations for this meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. Nashville provides other first class accommodations for such meetings devoid of discriminatory racial practices. For example: Holiday Inn, 1800 West End Avenue, Nashville, where Mr. William Berfield is manager. While this motel does not have large meeting rooms, the numerous state office buildings surrounding the Capitol could provide adequate facilities. Although the meeting is limited to one day, it will be necessary for most of the out-of-town representatives to arrive in the city the previous day in order to attend the sessions beginning at 9 a.m. on May 21.

(more)

Mr. Ernest Richards, who is in charge of local arrangements, tells me that national representatives asked only that the luncheon be open without racial discrimination, and that no plans had been perfected for housing of delegates. Recognizing that the Hermitage Hotel operates on a racially discriminatory policy, it is probable that no Negro will wish to subject himself to embarrassment and rejection. However, we wonder if Federal agencies, participating under the banner of the President's Committee, will want to give endorsement to racial discrimination. In November 1961, the White House Regional Conference, meeting in Nashville, refused to accept restrictive housing, and obtained accommodations without bias.

At the present time, Nashville citizens, both Negro and white, are making a conserted drive to eliminate the color bar in places of public accommodation. We have informed the Chamber of Commerce and other business associations of some 50 organizations unwilling to hold meetings or conventions in Nashville hotels because of racially restrictive policies. We have been heartened by support of the President in our quest for full and equal opportunity for all citizens. We are genuinely concerned that a committee bearing the President's office in its title is supporting segregation by choosing a hotel with a color bar.

Prejudice, like the measles, is catching. As we eliminate it in one area, it becomes easier to lessen it in others. Physical and mental handicaps are not racially restrictive and we know your concern cuts across racial lines. Nashville businesses serving the public will eliminate racial barriers if they have confirmation that in so doing they will gain business, not lose it. This is why your meeting is of such importance.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Lee White
White House
Washington 25, D. C.

April 30, 1963

Mr. Louis Levine, Director
U. S. Employment Service
Bureau of Employment Security
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Levine:

According to a local announcement, you are slated to speak at the Tennessee Chapter meeting of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security, slated for Nashville from May 8-10. We are delighted that state employees of such a strategic department will have the benefit of your guidance and direction.

Our concern lies in the local arrangements of the meeting which is announced for the Hermitage Hotel, Nashville. This hotel does not admit Negroes as over-night guests or to other facilities such as public rest rooms, restaurants, coffee shop, etc. The hotel's private dining facilities may be used for bi-racial meetings, on a "quota" basis.

Nashville citizens, Negro and white, are currently pressing for downtown Nashville hotel and motel accommodations without a color bar. The Chamber of Commerce has been given a listing of some 50 voluntary professional and other associations which refuse to hold conventions in Nashville because of discriminatory racial policies of hotels and motels. We are genuinely concerned that Federal government staff are willing to give endorsement to the restrictive policy of the Hermitage Hotel by participating in a three-day meeting there where Negro delegates will not be accommodated.

The Federal government is a direct participant in this meeting since the state employees are paid through Federal funds. The meeting will be held on working days, and the employees will continue to draw their salaries while attending. When the White House Regional Conference met in Nashville in November 1961, they demanded and got racially inclusive accommodations. Other Federal representatives have insisted on hotels or motels without a color bar.

The Department of Labor has consistently been a champion of civil rights, and its leadership has encouraged and supported us in local and state efforts. We hope that you will add to that leadership at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

cc: Hon. Willard Wirtz
U.S. Department of Labor
Washington 25, D. C.

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

May 3, 1963

To: Paul Anthony

From: Kay Jones

Here is a copy of the report which we just submitted to the Field Foundation. A cover letter bearing George Barrett's signature accompanied it.

Please convey my appreciation to Marge Manderson for her willingness to toss out a rescue line two days ago when I called her. As it worked out, several persons in Nashville came to the rescue, and we did not involve any outsiders. Considering the fact that we got no newspaper publicity, and the city teachers were restricted from coming, we did very well to have a crowd of 125. In the middle of the meeting, the City School Sup't. came in (the one who had made so much trouble) and on invitation of the moderator, mounted the rostrum, and uttered a public apology for ~~this~~ the letter he had written, and heaped praise on our organization. Most of the persons in attendance were confused by this display, and the rest of us were stunned!

Will expect to see you in early afternoon Friday, May 10 at Holiday Inn in Oak Ridge. G. Barrett wants you to come here, and to meet on the trip to Oak Ridge. I'm no good at "meeting" going 80 miles per hour around mountain curves. I hope you will resist his request.

Kay Jones

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2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

FIELD FOUNDATION REPORT

The receipt of the Field Foundation Grant in November 1961 provided our Council with the kind of stimulation and support it so needed to strike out on a broader program. After the initial excitement we settled down to careful consideration of wise use of the grant. Due to pre-Christmas commitments of Board members, the Council did not commit itself to a specific plan until January 1962. A copy of the program directed by the officers and Board was as follows:

> "Executive director is to work in unorganized areas to develop local concern and leadership. The salary of executive is to be met from Council's regular budget with costs of travel to come from the Field Foundation grant.
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> "The council staff in the Nashville office is to be strengthened for service to ongoing programs of established councils, assist with the Newsletter, council reports and office management; such to be paid by Field Foundation grant.
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> "Officers and Board members may visit local groups in process of organization when their presence and experience are deemed helpful, and desired by local groups. Such costs of travel are to be paid from Foundation grant.
>
> "Funds may be used for other personnel (speakers, leaders, consultants, etc.) provided their service is part of an over-all plan for the stimulation of local education and cooperative action.
>
> "New local groups or chapters may be organized among college faculty, students, religious bodies and civic organizations."

Expenditures from the grant were initiated in March 1962. From that time through April 1, 1963 we have spent $5,660.29, with an additional $1,000 encumbered but remaining in our account for publications, leaving $8,139.71 for the second year of operation. Expenditures fall into six major groupings, and we would like to report on each category:

Workshops on Equal Employment Opportunity - $714.11

Four workshops have been held, with Dr. Vivian W. Henderson, economist and Fisk University professor providing leadership. Attached are summaries

from each workshop, which were sent to all participants and to others who requested them. Approximately 193 persons attended. The workshops were held in Johnson City, Chattanooga, Jackson and Memphis. Under other auspicies, Dr. Henderson conducted a similar employment workshop in Knoxville, which was therefore omitted.

Our state is a broad one, and Johnson City, near the North Carolina border, is 517 miles to the East of Memphis. Washington County (Johnson City) has 4 per cent Negro population and adjacent counties with from 3 per cent to none. Shelby County (Memphis) has a Negro population of 36 per cent, and has coterminous borders with Mississippi, Arkansas, and two Tennessee counties with Negroes accounting for 69 per cent and 39 per cent of the population.

While the content of the information sessions has been similar, the workshops themselves have varied with the locality. In Memphis, representatives from several occupations which offer current employment opportunities explained these resources, and entrance requirements. In Jackson and Johnson City emphasis was on employment in government contract firms. The Chattanooga workshop reflected the broadened opportunities which are opening in city, state and federal employment. Throughout the state there is growing awareness of the lack of preparation of Negroes for the upcoming jobs. We believe that these sessions have stimulated local groups to press for increased and appropriate training both in the public school systems and for adults. The Memphis workshop resulted in a systematic approach to both business firms and the power structure of the community to open employment on a merit basis. While the content of the workshops has been directed to Negroes, all sessions have had bi-racial attendance.

One additional workshop is planned in which our Council will be one of the sponsors. This will be directed to vocational guidance teachers in the Nashville school system and other school personnel with a counselling function. It is our conclusion that the schools are not encouraging students to prepare for current employment opportunities, and are chanelling Negroes to traditional jobs.

The follow-up report from across the state, due by autumn 1963, will provide an evaluation of the effect of the workshops, and directions for

future work. Each of the four workshops has been attended by one of our two full time staff members, who has also worked with local groups in preparation for the sessions. We have also processed and distributed the summaries to all persons who attended.

Consultation Provided - $249.73

In stimulating local councils and the state organization to move out of traditional patterns, we have brought into meetings - Dr. Eric Lincoln, author of "The Black Muslim in America"; Harold Fleming of Taconic Foundation; Galen Martin, director of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.

When the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights met in Memphis in June 1962, over the protests of the Mayor and some other city officials, our state and local councils sponsored a reception at a downtown hotel for the Commissioners as an indication that all Memphis was not resistive to their inquiry, and to give our membership an opportunity to talk with the Commissioners and staff.

Out of Council activities has come a commitment from Governor Clement to create a Governor's Commission on Human Relations. Although no public announcement will be forthcoming, Memphis hotels are now available for conventions with interracial attendance. Tennessee Wesleyn College in Athens, where Dr. Lincoln spoke a year ago is quietly desegregating with the summer session of 1963; Dr. Lincoln was the first Negro speaker entertained at the college.

Publications and Literature - $144.55

Wide distribution has been made of Dr. Spock's article, "Do Parents Teach Prejudice?", which we purchased in quantity. This article has an appeal for moderates and many parents just facing up to the effects of prejudice. The brochure is our basic membership appeal, and is also used by staff as a "business card" in interviews with business firms, employment services, etc. While such organizations may be initially wary of us, they frequently know personally some of the listed board members as solid substantial citizens. We have also underwritten the publication of "Jobs and Color". We anticipate publishing a report on "Health and Color" sometime this summer (copies of these materials are enclosed).

New Local Council Activity - $298.41

Visits by Council staff and board members have been made to numerous smaller cities and towns in the interest of creating local councils, or bringing into the state council independent community groups. The Bristol (Tennessee) Council on Human Relations is a direct result of staff visits there, plus the stimulation of the Johnson City workshop on employment opportunities. The formerly independent Chattanooga Council on Community Relations has become an affiliate of the state council. The Johnson City Council on Community Concerns is focusing on chapter status, and their leadership has now become individual members of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations. Although we are disappointed that the activity has not yielded the results we may have desired, our visits have netted many of the same progressive steps which we had envisioned by formal local council structures, such as progressive steps in Athens, Tennessee, where a Mayor's commission on human relations is in existence.

In small communities there is a reluctance to develop structures which may block the informal communication between individuals across racial lines. Our visits have provided information on resources for change, (housing orders, urban renewal regulations, employment opportunities, etc.) which have affected community action. There is outright suspicion in small towns of "outside interference", but encouragement of individuals has been successful. Currently, we are involved very quietly in school desegregation efforts in two rural counties where the Negro school was destroyed by fire. Two adjacent counties will be affected by their decisions. We have experienced great difficulties in our numerous efforts in Lebanon, Tennessee, where we have been completely unable to inspire voluntary discussions between white and Negro citizens in the face of demonstrations and violence. The white attitude continues to be one of suppression and ignoring of Negro dissatisfaction with segregation.

Salary of Administrative Assistant - $3,253.86

The Council staff, prior to May 1962 had been composed of a full-time executive and a part-time typist. Mrs. Dorothy Webster, formerly assistant to the director of the placement bureau at Tennessee State University, joined our staff as administrative assistant in May 1962. In this capacity she

carries both office routines, and professional services. She was staff representative at the Jackson (Tennessee) workshop, and created and directed the 1962 summer crafts project in Nashville for six to eight year old girls, Negro and white, Gentile and Jewish. She has devoted most of her professional time to Nashville activities such as the United Church Women, The Nashville Council on Community Relations and similar groups. This has meant that the council executive was free for more extended trips across the state, since the state office was in competent hands. While this item accounts for over half of the Foundation funds, the results of having a full-time competent assistant are reflected in all council activities.

Board and Local Council Representative Travel - $1,000.43

Tennessee is a long narrow state, only a hundred airline miles from north to south. From Memphis in the southwest corner to Bristol on the Virginia-Tennessee border the road map shows 534 miles. It is as diverse in its problems and attitudes as its terrain indicates. In order to map out and support state-wide goals and programs it is necessary that representatives from widely separated areas come together for decisions. This has been made possible by partial reimbursement of designated local leaders and Board members. For example, we reimburse mileage (at 7¢ per mile) for one private car from each local community where a council was in being, transport persons to the annual meeting in Chattanooga. For some council members, it was their first experience in interracial travel, and the limitations on accommodations for Negroes had a telling effect on the white members who traveled with them.

We brought together some local council representatives from across the state in September 1962 to discuss the state council service to them and our need for broadened support, meeting at one of the recently desegregated state parks. (Through Council negotiations, Tennessee state parks were all desegregated, except for water-front activities in the summer of 1962. Water front activities are now open on a non-discriminatory basis).

The Council president and other officers have been afforded the opportunity to meet with local groups just getting started to encourage and support their efforts. Council members have been brought to Nashville for meetings with the Governor and Commissioners to request leadership in state government functions. Due to the success of these negotiations we anticipate increased

activity in this area during the coming year.

The generous grant of the Field Foundation has made it possible for the Tennessee Council to greatly broaden its activities, and stimulate interest and movement in the field of human relations. Without this grant few of these activities would have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

April 30, 1963

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

May 7, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Mrs. Webster and I will be at Holiday Inn not later than 3 p.m. on Friday, May 10, in order to meet with you about a membership campaign.

Several influential citizens from Oak Ridge, including the Mayor and members of the Commission on Human Rights have been invited to join us for lunch, Saturday. Will you be prepared to make some brief remarks on some of the developments on the southern scene - beyond the newspaper accounts?

See you Friday.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

/dw

P. S. Please bring with you 25 copies (or as many as you can spare) of the Chattanooga Employment Opportunities report.

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June 14, 1963

Field Activities
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

DONE -

Dear Paul:

Please send us 20 copies of "Letter From Birmingham City Jail," by Martin Luther King.

Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Kay

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

MLK

June 14, 1963

Dear Paul Anthony:

This is to let you know that I expect to be at the Blue Ridge meeting next week. I will not arrive until Thursday. I do have to keep that speaking engagement here on Wednesday morning. There is only one plane per day with connections into Asheville - and just about the same thing holds for buses.

The best I can do is to get to Knoxville that night. On Thursday, I will take the 5:15 AM Trailways bus to Black Mountain arriving there at 10AM. I'll get a cab on up to Blue Ridge. I suppose it will look the same way it did when I went to YWCA meetings there three decades ago. I don't.

If some sort of registration or reservation is required, will you or Harry Jones make it for me? The advance information didn't say anything about it. I'll take double or single accommodations - doesn't make any difference. As I recall the earlier visits, the beds were grim, and the rooms adorned by peeling plaster. They've had time to make repairs.

Things have been happening here so fast it's difficult to keep up with it. Most of the better downtown hotels and restaurants are open, including all Holiday Inns, Howard Johnsons, Cross Keys Restaurant, etc. Other places are slated to open on July 1. Suburban restaurants are not in this first wave, but are committed for later. Last Sunday I served as an observer when the first Negro entered B&W Cafeteria . There were a number of "double takes", but no incidents.

See you next Thursday if I survive the bus trip.

Hastily,

Kathy Jones

Katherine Jones

CC: Harry Jones

KJ

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June 25, 1963

TO: Paul Anthony
Vernon Jordan ✓

FROM: Katherine Jones Kay Jones

RE: Evaluation of President Kennedy's civil rights program

We would like to have 700 copies of the evaluation which Mr. Jordan offered to make of the President's Civil Rights bills. We plan to include a copy to each of our members in the NEWSLETTER which we are now preparing. If this is done on 8½"x11" paper, it will be the same size of the regular NEWSLETTER. If it is on legal size, we will make an additional fold and include it.

I want to thank you for making the Blue Ridge meeting possible, and hope that we can have a repeat performance next year.

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
Community Survey - July 1, 1963

AUDIT OF PROGRESS IN DESEGREGATION

Tennessee City or Town _____

Population (Approximate) _____

Percentage of Negro population _____ Other - Non-white _____

FOOD SERVICE

	Number	Desegregated
Restaurants - Part of retail trade store	_____	_____
Restaurants - Independent	_____	_____
Restaurants - Motels and hotels	_____	_____

Did desegregation take place following sit-ins or other demonstrations? Yes _____ No _____

Negotiations of bi-racial committee? Yes _____ No _____

Has there been any pressure for desegregation? Yes _____ No _____

COMMENTS:

HOTELS AND MOTELS

How many _____ 10 or less _____ 10 to 50 _____ Over 50 _____

List desegregated hotels or motels:	Accept Individuals	Accept Bi-racial groups
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Is there pressure for desegregation? Yes _____ No _____

If so, who is leading it? _____

RECREATION

	Number	Segregated	Deseg.
How many public (tax-supported) golf courses?	_____	_____	_____
parks?	_____	_____	_____
swimming pools?	_____	_____	_____

Were facilities desegregated by: Demonstrations _____ Negotiations _____

Is there pressure to desegregate? _____ (Describe) _____

_____

If segregation is official policy, is it announced by signs? _____

List desegregated movie theatres, art theatres, concerts, musical offerings regularly available in your town:

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

TRANSPORTATION

List any station or transportation facility with segregation signs - bus, air-lines, train, city bus line:

_____

_____

_____

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

	Grades 1-6	7-8-9	high sch.	adult educ.
Public schools desegregated	_____	____	____	____
Vocational schools desegregated	_____	____	____	____
Parochial or private schools desegregated	_____	____	____	____

Nursery schools - under private or church auspicies which are desegregated: List

_____

_____

_____

List desegregated private colleges or universities:

_____

_____

_____

What individuals or groups are bringing pressure to desegregate?

_____

_____

Is there discussion or likeliness to integrate staffs by 1963? _____

COMMENTS:

HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SERVICES

List hospitals accepting Negroes:	Patients	Nurses	Medical Staff	Other
_____	_____	_____	_____	____
_____	_____	_____	_____	____

Are patients and staff segregated within hospital? _____

Is there a current demand for desegregated service? _____ By whom _____

RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

List "white" churches which accept Negroes:	As guests	As members
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Is there any desegregation, such as union services, denomination meetings?

Describe _____

KJ

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

June 27, 1963

To: Paul Anthony

From: Kay Jones

Here are clippings on Memphis, the "Benchmark" guide, and a copy of my reply from the Nashville Tennessean when I wrote the editor a nice letter asking why we had not had a copy of the President's speech. We believe that Senator Gore is extremely hostile toward the Civil Rights legislation, and it is possible that none of the Tenn. delegation will vote for it, unless its Kefauver.

I am hoping to get off on a 2 weeks vacation beginning on July 8. Will let you know more in next few days.

THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN

Nashville 1, Tennessee

Amon Carter Evans
Publisher

June 24, 1963

Miss Katherine Jones
3610 Brighton Road
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Miss Jones:

The full text of President Kennedy's Civil Rights address of June 11 was not run because of its length and the shortage of space in our paper on June 12.

Sincerely,

Ted Solinski, Editor
Opposite Editorial Page

12:20 KJ

Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Ave.
Nashville 12, Tennessee

July 1, 1963

To: Paul Anthony

From: Kay Jones

Are we going to get the analysis of the President's Civil Rights bill which Mr. Jordan gave to us verbally at Blue Ridge? We are holding up the NEWSLETTER hoping to have it to enclose.

Contacts with our Congressmen have not sounded hopeful, from outright evasion to statements of non-support in the manner in which the bills are drawn now.

If the analysis will not be available for sometime, will you let us know, and we will go ahead with the mailing of this NEWSLETTER.

Kay Jones

KJ

July 17, 1963

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

A random note for your attention when you return from vacation. (And, I hope the vacation will be more of one than I gather it will be.)

I am especially pleased that you and Vernon had some time together during his stopover at Fisk and that you worked out some tentative plans for his involvement in your needs in East Tennessee.

As we discussed at Blue Ridge, I would like to come up sometime later this month to talk about everything from the grandiose conference to the membership drive.

On the membership drive I'm uneasy--and that's the real purpose of this letter. Somewhere--and we have nine possibilities--there must be a state Council that doubles its membership this year. Somehow, we've got to learn how to do it if at all possible. Hanging in the balance is everything from proving the philosophy of the state Council approach to being able to continue the SRC grants-in-aid program. We somewhat arbitrarily chose the Tennessee Council because it represented neigher the most difficult nor the most promising situation. But--and this is a very big but--we chose Tennessee with the full realization that our choice meant nothing unless you agreed completely.

This is what worries me. My several talks with you and Vernon's report on the subject indicate that you are less than enthusiastic about this idea. The odds are bad enough if you're for the idea. They're absurd if you're anything less than optimistic.

If you agree, we are prepared to pull out the stops in an intensive campaign. If you don't, we are still prepared to be of any possible help as you call the shots, but it will be of a different nature. We will do everything we can to help but we won't be kidding ourselves about launching this campaign. No one will understand better than I if you are too busy and too concerned to put a real effort into a membership drive. But, I need your honest thinking on this.

The "membership drive" is very important to me. So is the situation of not facing an unwanted program on the Tennessee Council.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

cc: George Barrett

KJ

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Executive Director

July 18, 1963

Mr. Paul Anthony
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Your letter was here when I returned from vacation today. I will be delighted to see you anytime during the rest of this month. I'm writing to Vernon Jordan asking him to go to Bristol, August 1, for a speaking engagement, so probably we should rule out a day or so on each side of that date. George Barrett is going to Chicago on July 26 for a week-end meeting of the Catholic Interracial Conference. I can't reach him by telephone now to clear a date with him.

I would propose that you set some day next week - between July 22 and July 26. You may wish to telephone our office to confirm the date. Also, will you let me know if I should recruit several persons from the Nashville area to meet here that day to talk about the membership drive, or should that come later.

Probably I did sound less than enthusiastic about your generous offer to help with membership, which we certainly need. My reluctance to get on with it stems from the need to get the fall meeting set up so that we have a rallying point. This is still unsettled, but I agree that we cannot wait indefinitely. Maybe we can select some other target.

I do want very much to see you. Please come next week if that's possible.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

KJ

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

July 26, 1963

To: Paul Anthony

From: Katherine Jones

Here are some clippings to indicate the sad state of affairs in Nashville. The plague has hit. We must be a sinful community - especially so. At least Will Campbell is remaining in Nashville, even though changing titles. Although not generally announced, Metz Rollins is going to work in New York - still with Presbyterians.

Sorry that you couldn't obtain any winged transportation to Nashville the other day. Let me know as soon as you can when you will be here. We are today putting together the list of persons to recommend to the Governor for appointment to the Governor's Commission on Human Relations.

Still don't know about the proposed big meeting in the fall. Chancellor Heard has not made his decison about sponsorship. George is off to a Catholic Interracial Conference in Chicago tonight.

Kay Jones

Also - we are heavy picketed. The Methodists wound the building.

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August 2, 1963

Mrs. Dorothy Webster
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Webster:

Enclosed is our check No. 1880 in the amount of $3.00 for the TCHR membership of Mrs. P. B. Simmons, whose $5.00 check we had originally applied to a New South subscription. Our records are now straight: Mrs. Simmons will receive New South for one year, and the $2.00 we deducted is for that purpose. You will not, of course, need to report this subscription to us in your regular report of New South subscribers.

We are returning Mrs. Simmons' check and letter to you herewith.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

cc: Mrs. P. B. Simmons

KJ

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August 15, 1963

PA ✓
VJ ✓
MM

To: Miss Marge Manderson

From: Katherine Jones

Re: Matching Funds

On August 6, we had our matching funds, and it is possible that Mrs. Webster in our office wrote that to you, but she is away on vacation, and I cannot locate a copy of the letter. Hence, I am sending this statement.

According to our records, we were to raise $4800 to receive $2300. We have raised that amount, and have it in hand - the $4800, I mean. It is confirmed by bank statements and the financial ledge we keep, and will be checked by the auditor when he makes his accounting in January.

I do want to thank all of you for "loaning" us Mr. Jordan for the East Tennessee trip. I think it will be a spur to those natives, and has already been of real help to me in understanding the situation there. We've already had some results, in that one of the newly appointed members of the Mayor's Committee (Attorney Bernard Cantor) telephoned yesterday, and asked for a detailed written proposal the committee could make for desegregating the city! It has been sent.

Kay Jones

$2,500

August 16, 1963

BC PA

Please send 200 copies of "This I Believe" to the Tennessee Council, label attached.

Thanks.

KJ

Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Ave.
Nashville 12, Tennessee

August 15, 1963

To: Miss Marge Manderson

From: Katherine JOnes KJones

Re: "This I Believe", by Dr. Haywood N. Hill

Done 8/16

Will you please send us 200 copies of this article; please bill us for the cost.

It seems incredible that at this late date, we should have use for this in Tennessee. But we do. It still seems the most convincing piece of material to use with the women's groups in churches.

August 19, 1963

Miss Kay Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Just a note to let you know that Paul Anthony is out of town and net expected in until the latter part of the week (probably Thursday), so seeming silence in response to your recent letter is not due to a lack of alarm and concern for you and the problems you outline, but rather because of Paul's absence. I'm sure he'll get in touch with you at once on his return.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

To- Paul Anthony

Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Ave.
Nashville 12, Tennessee

August 15, 1963

Dear Paul:

This is a letter which I probably should not write at all. It's a personal letter, and I am making no carbon. I suppose that I feel somewhat disloyal about writing it, and I think that's the reason I have not earlier frankly stated some of these problems. In addition I think I ought to be able to deal with them effectively.

First - read the letter from Hunter Lane in Memphis. I have accepted their invitation to talk with the Executive Committee on September 12. For the three years I have known it, the Memphis Chapter has been more dead than alive. It limped along because of the loyalty of a good many good people to the general cause. Part of the trouble was that it got organized around a number of people sort of left over from the Suffragette movement, and some Negro educators who are in reality "Uncle Toms" and are not comfortable in any other role. The Memphis Community Relations Committee, which originally was an all white powerful group of business men has now been infiltrated by some of the younger and more democratic citizens, such as Carl Carson and Hunter Lane, and from what Hunter says they are now more ready to initiate. It also now has Negro members. Some of this really came about because Carl Carson got religion" at our last annual meeting in Chattanooga, followed by the Henderson workshop a week later in Memphis. The NAACP has a sizable office force in Memphis and is a militant well organized group. The Urban League is altogether ineffective.

Now what do we do? I'm not for keeping an organization alive by artificial respiration. I've been thinking about some of the things that the Houston Council does. I'm not sure we could really get that kind of imagination and initiative in Memphis, but this is the one role I see unfulfilled in Memphis. I really do need help on this, and it may be that I should come to Atlanta, or you come up here before that.

Well here we are within about 6 weeks of the annual meeting and as nearly as I know without any plans whatsoever. Vanderbilt University wouldn't go along with George's fine plan. Were scared of it - afraid the politicians would take it over, didn't know whether it was needed, etc. We are having an executive Board meeting tomorrow, and I hope that we can arrive at some plan. I'm frantic about its being this late again, for I remember that last year when this happened it meant working eight days out of 7 and every night to get the thing on the road in the limited time.

With Senator'Kefauver's death, poor George is back in the political arena again. However that is a pretty hopeless proposition, since Clement has full power of appointment and will be held accountable for every vote cast whether he personally is there or in Nashville. Clement will undoubtedly run for the seat next summer, whatever he does now, and we will be back in the political arena again. I'm all for politics but not 200% of the time. Part of my frustration lies in this because I have not been able to talk to George a full hour since the board meeting in May. The other point is that I think George is not as interested in the Council as in other ways of working on this situation, I can understand that, since some of the other ways are newer and fresher, such as the state advisory committee to the U,S. Comm. on Civil Rights, the Catholic Conf. on Interracial Justice. One of George's close friends is Matt Lynch who is also on our Board and is running for state president of the State Labor Council. Most of George's energy is being spent in this race which will be decided by mid-September. I don't mean to complain, as I certainly am doing, but how do you operate when your president abdicates (almost) and no committee chairmen have been appointed ? William Willis, the president elect, is coming to the meeting tomorrow, and I do have some of the members primed to ask appropriate questions to see if he really is willing to assume the responsibility of the job.

The Nashville Council has fallen to pieces because of the inability of the past president to act. The president elect, who was a good choice, came in today to say he couldn't serve because of some business and personal reasons. They are valid reasons, but it does throw us into a quandry when that Council has lots of talent it can use, if it can get some direction. And we need it worse now than in several years since all of our Negro top leadership has been stripped away, and it will take considerable time to grow up and sort some more.

I know quite logically that these things just don't happen. That this near-moribund state of two chapters in the state has come about while I have been on this job, and that I have to accept responsibility for them. It seems to me the best way to do that is to tender my resignation. I don't want to leave the Council in a lurch, but I don't want to be the cause of its demise when someone else can breath new life into it.

Please - no sympathy. That's not it, but do you have any suggestions about how I might best proceed in the situation which has developed.

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August 12, 1963

Miss Katherine Jones, Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

I am writing to advise you of a decision made at the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Memphis Chapter, which meeting was also attended by several members of the State Board of Directors who reside in Memphis.

For some time there has been considerable concern on our part about the role of our chapter in the local race relations scheme of things. As you know, the Memphis Committee on Human Relations, strictly a local group made up of many prominent citizens, has carried the real load in helping to bring about the orderly progress which we have happily experienced so far. Many of our more active members are very actively working with that group. Of course, almost all of our Negro members are working either with the Urban League or the NAACP, both of which groups are committed to a program of action.

At the outset of my tour of duty as chairman of the local chapter, we decided to undertake a general program of education and the collection of information which might be of use to other "active groups." We decided to concentrate particularly in the area of employment opportunity. Following the seminar at which Vivian Henderson appeared, a resolution was passed to, in effect, vacate the study role and begin to actively call upon employers. Meanwhile, the MCCR's Subcommittee on Employment Opportunities began to take some vigorous and effective action of the same kind. Rather than to compete, it was decided that we would join forces with them, and a number of our members are working on this committee (headed up by Carl Carson).

Another feature bearing on the situation is that the Board of Directors of the MCCR has recently resolved to change the policy of that group in the direction of taking more affirmative action in areas of race relations beyond the court decisions; heretofore, the group has been more or less a "fire fighting outfit," which came when called in after a crisis had developed.

After a great deal of discussion, our group, which met last Thursday, finally concluded that, from the local viewpoint, there is very little reason for the continued existence of our chapter. We recognize that the termination of our chapter could very well have serious effects insofar as the future of the state organization is concerned, and, for that reason, we would like very much to have you come down here to discuss this aspect of the situation with us. We have tentatively set another meeting for September 12th at 4:00 P.M. at the main branch of the Y.W.C.A. If you think you can be here at that time, I would appreciate very much your advising me; if, please let me know when a more convenient time would be.

We have not passed any of this information on to the active membership, such as it is, and will delay doing this until after the September 12th meeting.

In your reply, I would appreciate your also letting me know the names of members we now have who have paid their 1963 dues.

Sincerely,

Hunter Lane, Jr.

HLjr:mwc

P.S.: I am enclosing a copy of this for George Barrett.

KJ

Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Ave.
Nashville 12, Tennessee

August 21, 1963

To: Marge Manderson

From: Kay Jones Kay Jones

Re: Order of Publications

Sent.
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Trage Fellowsp of Souths.
Bob Coles

Will you please send me at once, if available:

25 copies - "This is What We Found"

My previous copies are gone, but I think the authors were named Creech - father and son from Arkansas.

I've got myself involved with a Methodist young people's workshop for five nights, beginning Sunday, August 25, and I would like for them to have this. I know they should be past this elementary stage, but then that is the church which would not receive a Methodist minister as a member because he was from Northern Rhodesia, even though he was taking advanced denominationsl training in a Methodist institution in Nashville last year.

Also, will you send me 10 copies of Dr. Cole's study, Desegregation of Southern Schools: A Psychiatric Study. We gave copies to the Executive Committee meeting last Saturday, but in addition some heathen or heathens unknown have carried off the rest of them. Please bill us if there is a charge.

If you think of anything else which would help the Methodists, just throw it in. You can't hurt them; anything will be an improvement.

Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Ave.
Nashville 12, Tennessee

September 5, 1963

TO: Paul Anthony

From: Kay Jones

I can well understand the need to change your plans, and go to Alabama this week. Tennessee hasn't had anything so exciting happen. The poor sharecroppers in a few of the West Tennessee counties are being both exploited and suppressed as usual, and Lebanon, Tenn. only 40 miles from Nashville, has fired two teachers because they have supported the "movement" there. All of this has got to be standard operating procedure. From the enclosed article, you will note that school integration is moving apace here. A report from Putnam County where teacher integration has begun says all is quiet there. The Negro residents who opposed it so foreefully are now accepting and speaking to one of their member who pushed for integration. There was a time when his life was threatened for his stand for integration!

FLASH ! Just talked with George Barrett's secretary. She says that George will be at the Labor Council meeting in Gatlinburg from sometime this week-end through next Wednesday, September 11. That seems to ruin next week as a possible time for your visit. And I'm getting more frantic all the time. Nothing further on the state meeting as far as I can find out. By dint of sustained pressure, I got the list of proposed members of the Governor's Comm. from George, and submitted it to the Governor. However, that doesn't really take care of the state meeting, scheduled for 5 weeks from now - with no program, and nothing done as far as I know.

I think I'm especially concerned about the Memphis visit on Sept. 12.

Kay Jones

Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Ave.
Nashville 12, Tennessee

October 11, 1963

TO: Paul Anthony

FROM: Katherine Jones

1.) Here is a brochure on Fellowship House, Knoxville, about which I wrote Les Dunbar asking him to speak there in January. As you know, he turned us down because of his own commitments for January. Do you have other suggestions for someone to talk about the South. I know that is general, but as I told you earlier, they are trying to work out a series of programs, beginning this month with changes in their own community, and then reaching out from there.

2.) I'm not sure that we sent you confirmation that our Board meeting is called for November 2. See agenda enclosed. Dorothy Webster isn't here, and I can't locate a copy of the accompanying letter from George. But I do want you to have this now, so that you will put this on your calendar, and come to help bail us out.

3.) I believe that the Nashville Council has really regrouped itself and expects to move out, with a real program of both meetings and action. A real burden will be lifted if they do - there's plenty of talent and concern here, but it has been lack of continued leadership.

4.) The enclosed clipping. Thought you would be interested in the proposed new use for New South. Molly is a pastpresident of TCHR. The School Board finally killed the whole thing last night, and we are now going to keep our schools clean and adulterated by Life Line and/or New South.

5.) Thanks for coming to Nashville in September. I do feel a bit better about things. Am hoping to take the week of October 21 to 25 off to be in Kentucky. I just can't put that off any longer.

Kay Jones

October 15, 1963

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

You put much into one short memo.

1. James Dabbs and Marion Wright are always available, and good speakers. Either would come for expenses if that's possible. Otherwise we'll explore the matter further.

2. Will be there Saturday. Will you or Dot please reserve a room for me at that Holiday Inn for Friday night. Pehhaps after the meeting of the Board you and I and anyone else appropriate can take time to evaluate just what was or was not accomplished and make some decisions on that basis.

3. Good news about the Nashville Council. Somewhere in this reorganization and new effort that group should figure considerably in our planning.

In the midst of everything else, hope the Kentucky trip affords some pleasure and rest. If there is anything beyond which we've discussed which I should know or say at the board meeting let me know.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

107 Lehigh Lane
Oak Ridge Tennessee
November 10, 1963

KJ

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul,

On my return to Oak Ridge I spoke with Rev. Mr. James E. Spicer, chairman of the Human Relations Board in Oak Ridge. He was most receptive at having the opportunity to meet you, and to set up a luncheon meeting between you, and the fifeteen member board.

I checked on planes, and you can leave Atlanta, on Delta airline flight 646, at 8:55 AM--arriving in Knoxville at 9:50. I told Mr. Spicer, you would be at the Holiday Inn, and he will contact you there before lunch sometime.

As I told you in Nashville, I will be out of town. I am leaving on Friday evening for a week. Should you want some information o n this board, please feel that you can call or write me. Should you have a change in plans for any reason, please let Mr. Spicer know directly. He can be reached at the United Church, 85 Kentucky Avenue. His phone number at church is 482-1016, and at home is 483-6483.

I hope the meeting will be of value, and worth your missing your Saturday morning sleep.

Thank you for being so willing to help us in Oak Ridge.

I thought your remarks at the close of our Tenn. Council Baord meeting were of great value. They were difficult words for any board member to say---perhaps because we are such a polite group. I think I realize more then before, this reponsibility lied with the Board, and that the Board was unwilling to face it. Being constructive is much more difficult, then being a critic.

Sincerely yours,

Fran Silver

KJ

November 15, 1963

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212

Dear Kay:

Could you let us know by return mail whether Mrs. Coe of Memphis is still a member of the Tennessee Council?

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

KJ

Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212

December 5, 1963

To: Paul Anthony

From: Kay Jones

Thought that you might be interested in this reaction to a ahite citizens meeting here - especially editorials and letters to the editor. That's part of our trouble here in Nashville - we believe in being decent and refined and currently non-violent, but not really doing much about inequalities. We are all so pleased with ourselves!

There has been no real further development in regard to the annual meeting, except Gov. Bert Combs of Kentucky declined our invitation. Gov. Clement has not moved on the appointment of a State Civil Rights or Human Relations Committee as he promised to do.

Thanks again for coming to our meeting in November.

Kay Jones

'White Citizens' Meeting Fizzles

By GERALD HENRY

A White Citizens Council meeting here fell into disarray last night as members of the audience demanded substantiation to charges that communism is rampant across the nation.

As the demands for proof continued, more than half the people at the meeting walked out, leaving only 16 persons behind. These included ranking members and officers of the local and state Citizens' Council organization.

The council's main speaker,

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Dissenter: 'This Not Democracy'

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—Staff photo by Frank Empson

A Citizens' Council meeting here is interrupted as a member of the audience declares "This is not democracy." From left are E. S. Kestner, identified as a Citizen's Council organizer; the dissenter, who said he was a nearby property owner; Karl (Jack) Kershaw, executive secretary of the Citizens Councils of Tennessee Inc., and facing the camera, attorney Richard Ely, president of the Memphis Citizens Council.

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'White Citizens'

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attorney Richard Ely, president of the Memphis Citizens Council, launched a bitter attack on the late President Kennedy.

"I FIRMLY believe Mr. Kennedy died a tyrant's death," said Ely.

"President Kennedy did nothing to harm or set back communism, but he has done so many things to help communism. . . .

"I pray to God the new President will not be as intolerant and demanding (on the issue of equal rights) as the late President was."

Ely said he considered it "unfortunate that so many of the Jewish faith have joined the Communist conspiracy," and charged that "the Communists are using the Negroes as dupes."

AFTER ELY'S address, in which he constantly attacked "Communists" and "liberals," jumping them at one point into the common category of "liberals, left-wingers and sex perverts," and after an audience-participation question-answering session leading to a plea to join the Citizens Council, demands began coming from the audience.

A man identifying himself as Prof. Lloyd Dunn of the Peabody College education department took the floor to ask for substantiation to any charge—and then specifically about one allegation by Ely that the National Council of Churches is communistic.

Karl (Jack) Kershaw of Nashville, executive secretary of the Citizens' Councils of Tennessee, Inc., told Dunn that the National Council of Churches has publicly and actively encouraged Negro organizations. Racial agitation, Kershaw said, is backed by the Communists. Therefore the National Council of Churches must be Communist.

AS DUNN and others in the audience continued to press Kershaw and Ely about statements made in Ely's talk, Kershaw halted him and asked him these three questions:

"Are you a segregationist or an integrationist? Do you want your children to marry a Negro? Would you want a Negro to move next door to you?"

According to a letter sent out over the signature of E. S. Kestner, temporary chairman of the Davidson County Citizens' Council Ninth District organization committee, the meeting was to be to discuss Negro integration of community subdivisions. The third question was as close as the meeting came to this.

The meeting was held at Bellvue Skating Rink on Highway 70.

A MAN WHO identified himself as a nearby property owner then took the floor and said:

"All I have heard tonight is hate. You can go far enough to the right to come to the left.

"I condemn you," he said. "This is not democracy."

He also took issue with the handling of the part of the program devoted to recruiting new members. He said the meeting was guided step by step and told to answer "yes" to all questions.

Kershaw had charge of this, and after reading the questions and discussing them, said he was sure the audience would want to mark "Yes."

TWO OF the nine questions were:

"Do you believe there can be NO compromise on the matter of segregation? Are you ready and willing to DO SOMETHING positive about this very serious and present problem?"

Kershaw then asked the audience to turn the form over and complete the membership application. The form asked for a sponsor at the bottom.

"Shake hands with the man on your left or right," he said, "and he can be your sponsor, and you can be his."

11-27-63

Politics

By Joe Hatcher

Seeds of Hate Perilous From Right or Left

The guilt of Dallas in President Kennedy's death was best portrayed in the soul-searching by the Dallas Times-Herald, in effect saying that Dallas' guilty was in allowing the seeds of hate to exist and to grow in that city.

Most immediate reaction is that "it can't happen here," yet the White Citizens' coun-

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cil called a meeting in Nashville, to keep the fires of hatred against the President and those who do not agree with far-rightist racists, within hours after the late president's funeral.

It can happen here if the extremists of either side are allowed to cultivate the seeds of hatred.

The far right is as dangerous as the far left, it can be argued. It was the far-rightist violence that almost led to serious consequences in Dallas itself when Adlai Stevenson was struck and spat upon.

IT WAS THE rightist Birchites who ran a full page of bitterness against President Kennedy the day of his appearance in Dallas.

It was the rightist, racist passion that led to violence in Nashville and the conviction of one John Kasper for inciting to riot. The conservative Wall Street Journal, for instance, said yesterday that "many citizens express a revulsion against the tactics of extreme groups in this country—both left and right," as revealed by the Journal survey of many people.

So long as the seeds of hate continue to thrive, there seems no doubt that the nation faces its greatest peril from the extremists from both sides.

The President's assassination by a Marxist fanatic with a grudge should have a sobering effect on the sounder-thinking people of the far right as well as the far left.

Unless the seeds of hate are destroyed before they are allowed to grow, the nation and the world is in for trouble, so many of the nation's leaders have predicted in these last few days of grief over the loss of a great President.

11-26-63

AMON C. EVANS, Executive Vice President and Publisher
RUSSELL L. SPRIGHTS, Vice President

The news columns shall be fair and accurate and the editori. honest and just in the expression of conscientious opinion.—

Nashville Tennessean

11-27-63

The Nation Now Needs Calm Voices of Reason

THERE IS danger for the nation in the circulation, as substantial truth, of the conjecture that the assassination of President Kennedy was the result of an international plot.

There is no basis for this conclusion, either in the evidence available or in reasonable speculation upon the known facts. If perpetuated such premature panic can only further fan flames of suspicion in the United States and could seriously endanger the gains made by President Kennedy toward world peace.

The advocates of this "let's blame it on a conspiracy" theory obviously have accepted as their proof the assassin's own loudly proclaimed affiliation for Marxism and his temporary residence in Russia, where he was denied citizenship.

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Lee Harvey Oswald was a frustrated human failure who felt persecuted by his own country because he received a Marine discharge without honor. There is no indication he had the capacity to form meaningful convictions on political ideology or to translate his hate for one country into love of another.

It is stupid at this point to promote the idea that the Communists designated this unstable derelict to carry out a plot to kill the President of the United States, and then sent an emotion-wrought night club operator—known to many Dallas policemen—to rub out the assassin.

There has been other speculation that the assassination was a plot of the far right, or at least that Oswald utilized the atmosphere of hate that had been generated against the President in Dallas, to camouflage the execution of his own designs. This, too, is pure fiction and has no standing in the absence of evidence and in the light of reality.

Those who cry Communist in every crisis—with nothing more than suspicion to back up their accusations—lend support and encouragement to those [illegible] groups which achieve nothing but division in the nation at a time when unity is essential.

It is such an atmosphere that offers haven for groups like the White Citizens Council to sow its seeds of hate and prejudice as it did in a sordid gathering here Monday night.

It was the typical reasoning of a leader of the White Citizens group that since the National Council of Churches encourages Negroes, and that "racial agitation" is backed by the Communists, therefore the council must be Communist.

To the credit of courageous and reasonable men everywhere, two Peabody College professors—Dr. Lloyd Dunn and Dr. Norman Ellis—got up in the meeting and dissented strongly from the leader's unsubstantiated charges of communism. It was the questioning of Dr. Dunn that brought the remarkable example of reasoning concerning the Council of Churches.

The combination of hate forces finds a Communist plot behind every action that is opposed to its views. Every demand by an oppressed minority group for greater rights is labeled a Communist plot, with no evidence needed. The nation's laws for social betterment of all people are Communist inspired, in this view, and decisions of the Supreme Court are part of the Communist conspiracy.

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It is this kind of reasoning that could portray the President before his death as being "soft" on communism and then contend, without any evidence, that his assassination had been plotted by the Reds.

These cruel uses of fear of communism—making every man suspicious of his neighbor and pitting group against group in a maelstrom of hate and violence—can only lead to division and hysteria. In the end they can wreck the country more completely than communism could ever do by its own efforts and devices.

NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN

12-3-63

Letters to the Editor

Mr. Ely's Words Didn't Set Well

To the Editor:

I've never written a newspaper before in a city other than the one I lived in. But this time, I had to.

I saw an article about some man in Nashville by the name of Ely. I believe he is one of those who belongs to the Citizens Council. I cannot quite understand how a person can sink so low as this one did in saying that President Kennedy died a "tyrant's death."

This man is sowing the same kind of hate that the fool assassin swallowed. I've had enough of it. I wish I could personally straighten Ely out.

BOB BURTON
917 Palermo
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Mr. Ely's Stand Brought Shame

To the Editor:

I had hoped after the terrible tragedy that just hit us, that I would never again have that feeling of shame, horror and disgust. But I did, this morning when I opened my paper and read the front page of THE TENNESSEAN.

An item of news told about the White Citizens Council meeting last night on Highway 70. Now, this is not what threw me. But what did make me so sick was the brutal attack on our late President, John F. Kennedy. It seems to me he should have had a day of peace on the day his body was committed to its final resting place.

I hope you realize, Mr. Ely, that President Kennedy died so that you can have the freedom to worship as you please, live as you please and say what you please. I don't think many people support you in your faith that he died a "tyrant's death."

The Texans have been making statements that they are so ashamed, and that it will be a long time before they can live this down and forget the blood shed in their streets.

But today I know how they feel. I am ashamed that anyone in the state of Tennessee can feel as Mr. Ely does. I know nothing whatsoever about politics or the White Citizens Council or anyone dealing in them. But this I do know, that anyone after just a little thought should respect President Kennedy for he stood firm for what he believed to be right. And even though anyone might not have agreed with him, it seems to me they would respect their country enough to mourn the dead leader of it.

MRS. C. A. CANTRELL
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Letters to the editor must be signed and names and addresses will be printed except in unusual circumstances. Because of space limitations, letters may be edited. All letters must be 350 words or less before they will be considered for publication. Exceptions will be made to this rule only in special cases.

An award of $1 will be made for the best letter designated by three stars.

An Apology For Mr. Ely

To the Editor:

I have read with shock and disgust the remarks attributed to Mr. Richard Ely, delivered in a speech at Nashville, Monday, Nov. 25.

Mr. Ely is a Memphian and a lawyer.

As a Memphian and a lawyer, I am ashamed by this reported outburst against our martyred President and particularly that, as reported, this was delivered on the day of President Kennedy's funeral and a declared day of mourning.

I offer my deep apologies as a Memphian to the people of this country and to the people of Nashville in particular.

This reported oral attack in Nashville was almost as poisonous and as terrible as the assassin's bullet in Dallas.

To Mr. Ely I would say, thank God that in America there are no tyrants. We will not tolerate tyrants, Mr. Ely—not even the "citizens'" council—whatever that is.

Mr. Ely appears to be against everything and for nothing. It seems a shame that he would waste his effort, energy and talents in such a way.

Never fear, Mr. Ely, the nation reveres and honors the supreme sacrifice and the memory of John Kennedy—in spite of you.

E. PATTON WEBB
1296 Vinton Avenue
Memphis

It's the Speed That Kills Them

To the Editor:

There is increasing concern about the increase in traffic fatalities on our highways, both statewide and in the metropolitan area. Many good letters have been written suggesting wrongs and remedies and all of them have merit. An editorial in the November 28 NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN urging better enforcement of present traffic laws was excellent.

We cannot be too critical of the highway patrol because we do not know what they are doing. We do not see many cars on the roads. We do not believe massive road blocks, with or without publicity, will solve the problem. Not many fatalities occur at or near road blocks.

We believe excessive speed is the thing that is the biggest factor in the slaughter on our roads. When reading accounts of accidents, notice how many times the phrase "the driver lost control of the car," or a similar one, appears. Occasionally there may be mechanical fault but most of the times the car was going too fast.

Speed laws are not being enforced on state roads, county roads nor city streets. If you have any doubts about this, try driving at the posted limits and see how many cars pass you.

We think a 65-mile-an-hour speed limit is too high. Not all of us have a 65-mile-an-hour reaction and when a driver with a 40-mile-an-hour reaction gets behind the wheel of a 65- to 75-mile-an-hour car, that driver has only luck to depend on. Do something about speed.

R. T. BAKER
2500 Westwood Avenue
Nashville

Word of Thanks On Coverage

To the Editor:

Every American should extend a word of thanks, and express their appreciation to the many people affiliated with all the television-radio networks, and the news reporters for the marvelous job they performed on 22, 23, 24, and 25 November 1963 keeping the world informed of the history making news as it occurred on those dates.

Many times the news reporters' voices would break in sorrow, but in some way they would regain their composure and continue their reports in a soft voice. They are to be commended for a job well done.

THOMAS E. VAUGHN
M Sgt., USA Retired
1012 Mansfield Ave.
Nashville 6.

Cites Need Of Protection

To the Editor:

I spent a sleepless night due to the tragic news of the death of President Kennedy.

I imagine many felt as I did that it was unbelievable. The first news I received of the shooting, a Republican lady called me weeping, which shows that political affiliation doesn't play any part when it comes to the tragic news of our President.

It is my hope in the future that bullet-proof glass will be used to protect the President. This doesn't reflect on the Secret Service. It is impossible to protect the Chief Executive against this kind of assassination.

KATHRYN KIRBY
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December 12, 1963

Miss Joan Titus
Time-Life Broadcast, Inc.
Time and Life Building
Rockefeller Center
New York 20, New York

Dear Miss Titus:

We are returning the film, "Miss Smith of Georgia" by air express in accordance with your instructions. We very much appreciate the use of the film, and several organizations have asked to show it in January 1964. However, as our agreement was to return it to you in December, we are abiding by it.

Each organization showing the film was asked to return a report on the reaction of the viewers of the film. It was shown nine times to approximately 1,000 persons throughout Tennessee (Nashville, Knoxville, Jackson and Oak Ridge) consisting of church, civic and a Quaker group. The general feeling was that of gratitude for the privilege of seeing such a film and especially of a person so well and long dedicated to the realism of human dignity and concern for our American heritage.

Attached is a report from each organization.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones
Executive Director

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
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REPORT OF "MISS SMITH OF GEORGIA"

Coffee House, Knoxville, Tennessee (University of Tennessee Presbyterian Student Center)

Responses were mostly general —"good film, glad we had a chance to see it" Specific comment had to do with sharpness of insight.

The Religious Society of Friends, Nashville, Tennessee

"The Nashville Friends meeting greatly appreciated the privilege of seeing this important film. We do hope it will receive nation-wide showing. Perhaps one could be done similarly with Mrs. M. E. Tilly (Southern Regional Council) and Ralph McGill of Atlanta. The 'South' all over should see its heroes."

Jackson Community Relations Council, Jackson, Tennessee

"One of the interesting points of the film was the one concerning the myth of white womanhood on a pedestal. The substitution of white supremacy for belief in God raised a bit of discussion in terms of the religiosity of the South co-existing with racial segregation. The general reaction was one of unusual interest. The freshness of Lillian Smith's attitude was a particularly attractive feature, and Mr. McCutcheon's skill as an interviewer added to the high quality of the film."

Nashville Christian Leadership Council, Nashville, Tennessee

From an older Negro minister, "I cannot express in words what this film meant to me. This gracious lady who is so dedicated should be an inspiration to us all."

Another Minister, "I hope that this film can be viewed widely by both colored and white, and get more people to talk about the issues."

A seasoned young freedom worker throughout the south, "Doesn't mean so much to us. We've been in this thing ourselves."

A college student, "I get a tingling of excitement about some of the things in there."

The Social Action Committee of The First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

"Very helpful analysis of effects of segregation on both white and Negro people."

"Excellent account of historical background of racial conflict."

"Revealing psychological explanation for the sex myth with which the Negro male has been indicted."

"The film brings into the open subjects which are generally regarded as 'taboo', but are discussed behind closed doors."

"This film should be televised coast-to-coast."

Roger Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

"A forthright expression concerning one of our nation's great problems."

American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee

"The faculty, staff and student body express sincere thanks to you for sharing this film with us. NBC is to be congratulated. May the spirit of this great lady continue to be expressed in the program of the Tennessee Council."

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Katherine Jones
Executive Director

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January 2, 1964

To: Paul Anthony

Here is the first announcement of the creation of a State Commission on Human Relations. There are five more appointments to be made. Between us, it is a weak committee. There is not a business man on it. Seven of the members are ministers, although one is also a college president, one a PhD in sociolofy, and a third is state president of the NAACP. Five are college affiliated administrators and professors. Two are attorneys (George Barrett and A.W. Willis), one is labor representative and the last is a political henchman. There is no representation from the vast rural areas of the state, and none, so far, from Chattanooga, Bristol, Johnson City, etc.

This is between us, and we will try to work with what is available, but it is not an encouraging prospect, and I suspect it means the Governor is fulfilling a promise, and that's all.

I've also photostated the summary of a recent SRC release, sinceit is the first time I recall one of our papers picking up one for use. // doesn't she read the paper?

Paul Rilling has agreed to go to Knoxville. I'm awaiting word from Lewis Sinclair about their plans. We have never heard anything from John Feild.

Kay Jones
Katherine Jones

Tenn. K.J.

Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212

January 17, 1964

Dear Paul Anthony:

This is an odd way to start a letter, but at this moment I am likely to do odd things. Just want to extend a cordial invitation to you and other SRC staff to attend the annual meeting on Jan. 23 and 24. Thus far, things are going as planned - even better. We have added the Mayor of Nashville to our roster of illustrious speakers for the Thursday afternoon panel. I rather assume that they will all stay to hear Burke Marshall that night.

Thus far, our advance reservations have been disappointing, but then I keep reminding myself of the March to Washington when they got there late, but got there.

We will be spared the Governor at the dinner meeting, but the members of the newly created Governor's Commission will be our guests. At least some of them will stay for this, and they are planning to dismiss their meeting in time to come over to ours at 2 p.m. Now all we need is a big snow, and noone can get here.

I am genuinely concerned about the effect of a highly inflammatory editorial which recently appeared in the Nashville Banner plus their news story criticizing the Nat. Council of Churches. It evidently goes back to a remark that Jim Bevel made about encouraging youngsters to defy their parents and get into the civil rights movement. It is being loudly heralded as direction from the Nat. Council of Churches, and churches and denominations are threatening to withdraw. Editorial said the meeting was the "Highlander Folk School line," If I can get copy will send, as I think you may hear rumblings.

Roy Jones

Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212

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January 27, 1964

To: Paul Anthony or Marge Manderson

From: Kay Jones, Tennessee Council on Human Relations

Done

Will you please send us 20 copies of New South, October-November issue, entitled "Direct Action in the South". They are requested by a college senior at Scarritt College for a class in "The Church and Social Change". He needs them by February 4. He is one of our white students who has been bleeding on the picket lines this past year.

so dear!!

We have all survived the annual meeting. I regret that we did not even introduce Vernon Jordan to the members. Things got pretty piled up toward the last, and a lot of details were not properly completed. It was good to have him, and I appreciate his coming, and talking to Bill Willis, our incoming president,

Kay Jones

March 6, 1964

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Thanks for the good and prompt quarterly report. All of it made good reading.

Incidentally, we have no plans to reprint the Readers Digest feature. I agree with you that it does not merit a special effort, although I'm happy the magazine did it.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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Did we send?

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PA - please reply

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March 18, 1964

TO: Paul Anthony

FROM: Katherine Jones

Done

RE: January 1964 Issue of NEW SOUTH

We are delighted to have this issue giving the historical background of SRC. Is SRC planning to send copies of the issue to the persons who signed the Durham and Atlanta statements? If not, we are planning to check over the Tennessee names and send the persons we can locate this issue of NEW SOUTH, and an invitation to join the TCHR.

If you are not sending them an issue, we will need about 25 additional copies of NEW SOUTH for our use. Are they available?

cc: Mrs. Ernest Silver, Oak Ridge
Membership Chairman

March 20, 1964

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

We don't plan a special distribution of the February New South but yours is a good idea. The 25 copies are being sent.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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Executive Director

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May 11, 1964

Mr. Vernone Jordan
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Vernon:

Thank you for coming to the Jackson student meeting on May 2. I regret that the rain delayed my arrival so that I did not get to hear all of your remarks. I did hear favorable comment at lunch.

Our Nashville situation is currently contained, but unsettled. Mr. Willis, president of the Tenn. Council on Human Relations is meeting tonight with representatives of various groups, plus the chirman of the mayor's bi-racial committee to talk out some of the issues involved. The arrests on the streets and inside Morrison's continue, based on the temporary injunction of interfering with trade. The hearing is set for May 18, but that's another week

The enclosed clipping confirms your appointment in Memphis. Good luck! And thanks for coming to Jackson.

Tell Lou Mitchell that I will respond to his request as soon as possible, I am still the only person in the office, and things have been both confused and crowded in the past ten days.

Sincerely yours,

Kay Jones

Katherine Jones

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May 26, 1964

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Thanks for your good letter and perceptive comments. Outsiders do have their value, sometimes.

The names you give will be put on mailing lists. The information will be passed on to Vernon.

We all look forward to seeing you June 17.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212
May 22, 1964

To: Paul Anthony

From: KatherineJones

Will you add to mailing list for any publications which are public information or news releases:

A

Done 5/26/64 MM please do media I

Mr. W. A. Reed, Jr.
The Nashville Tennessean
1100 Broadway
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Mr. Reed is the first and only Negro reporter on the Tennessean, and is still only part time. I think he is paid by the line, and has to rustle up his own stories. He has given us excellent coverage, and has sought our articles and studies. He did all of the coverage of our annual meeting last January. Most of the regular reporters on the Tennessean have some specialty and are on mailing lists for all pamphlets on science, education, business, etc. Since no one else has it, Mr. Reed would like to receive all of the race relations mail and allied material. He gets our regular mailings as a TCHR member, and we try to direct him particular articles.

B

We have settled into some pattern of attrition as far as the confrontations between restaurant owners and pickets go. There are trials today for the students who sat in the streets. Will Campbell is there to observe, and possibly testify. Some strange and wonderful creatures have come into town, as SNCC workers, to aid in the campaign. Real weirdies. The only positive function they serve as far as I can see is that the merchants now consider Lester McKinnie (the local leader) an understanding reasonable soul, after dealing with the Bearded Wonders.

I have little doubt that most of the sizable restaurants will be desegregated by chamber of Commerce negotiation within the next two weeks, but that is still not satisfying to the Negro leadership, and the chamber of commerce men simply cannot recognize that this business of gratuities is not what the students or adults want. At least we talk with the Mayor's Committee chairman every day. His wife is our member - he's not. I think he should be put on your Leadership mailing list. He is

Done MM please do

Mr. Robert Warner
Commerce Union Bank Building
400 Union Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

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See clipping and pass on to Vernon. He evidently did his usual fine performance.

Kay Jones

June 29, 1964

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Thanks for your excellent quarterly report. The information is very helpful to us.

Enclosed is our check for the grant-in-aid payment.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212

July 3, 1964

TO: Paul Anthony

FROM: Kay Jones

Since you will be here on Tuesday, according to the program of the Race Relations Institute, I will probably see you before you get this memo. I may not have an opportunity to talk to you, and therefore I am sending you this memo. It has to do with Southern Student Organizing Committee, better known as "Soc". Sue Thrasher was in our office this afternoon on some Soc work, and I asked her more about their plans and possibilities of support. It seems that they have been offered the SCEF grant of $5000 which has been given to SNCC for the support of a white southern student who was supposed to work on white campuses but usually wound up being the white person in SNCC demonstrations.

Sue is reluctant for them to have that kind of support. If they are reduced to accepting it to survive, then she thinks that it must be matched by money from some other source as a way of neutralizing its influence. I was interested and pleased with her general understanding of the need to stay clear of the militant groups. She is quite clear on the Bradens and how they are regarded in and by other southern based organizations. She is trying to stay on a good basis with all of the organizations without forming any entangling alliances. It seems to me that if they could either be attached to the Southern Project of NSA or be taken in by it this would be satisfactory. However, she thinks that Hays Mizell, who came up to one of their meetings, does not think of forming organizations on white campuses, but as serving as a resource to individuals who are interested in race relations, etc.

The whole conversation was too long to relate here, but what I came out with was a feeling that the leadership in this group was a lot more sophisticated, and mindful of the pitfalls than I had thought that they were. For instance, she had been quite clear that if they did accept the SCEF money, they must keep their office in Nashville in order not to be swallowed up by SNCC. However, one of the drawbacks she saw to that fund was that its use would be limited to Civil Rights and she sees Soc as working in a broader area than that.

Sue is one of the persons you will be interviewing in Atlant for NAIRO on July 17. The other one is Archie Allen. Both are Scarritt College graduates who had envisioned careers in church related organizations, and both have left this now. Both are seasoned in supporting the aims of the militant group of Negro students, but do not see this as a career role. Sue is more mature

than Archie in both years and outlook. Archie is not yet 21.

Sue is planning to join Ed Hamlett and others in some work on the Mississippi Gulf Cost later this summer. It is, I think under the arm of COFO, but there is to be no outward communication, since the Gulf Coast contingent will be there to try to enlist white interest. If it can be done by really untrained persons who are genuine and perceptive, then I think that Sue will do it.

I suppose that what I'm driving at is the fact that organizations which have the potential to support such a movement, by their reluctance to become in any way entangeled with SCEF (and I don't blame them) really drive these others into their embrace. Maybe SCC should not exist, but I do not know of any other group who is really trying to enlist the interest of moderates on the white camuses, and to bring them together for strength and support for their endeavors. I think that I could help them (SCC) to disband if that seems wise, but I want to be assured that someone else will do the job on the campuses with nearly all white students.

Just talked to one of our members in Jackson, Tenn. Says that the meetings they have had with the hotel, restaurants, etc. indicates that they are nearly all going to open! He seemed to think that they meant it; testing is to begin there on Saturday. It is to start under NAACP in Nashville at 4:30 on Sunday. Of course some has already begun, and there has been no refusal, but the Sunday business is in earnest. I've been struggling with the Chamber of Commerce, bar groups, etc. trying to get statments for the public out of them. I hope that the Chamber President is going to have one in Sunday's paper, with a fuller one by the Executive Committee later next week. Late, but I really think that they just couldn't believe that it would become law. We are having a day long meeting with people from across the state here on Monday. Come early if you can and join us.

Ken Jones

Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212

July 23, 1964

MEMO TO

TO: Miss Marge Manderson

FROM: Katherine Jones

RE: Title II & III Public Accommodations Public Facilities of the Proposed Civil Rights Bill of 1964 (H. R. 7152)

Will you please send us 200 copies of this pamphlet which SRC released some time ago. Perhaps because of its brevity, it is in great demand by some of our members who are working on compliance with the civil rights law. — 67 sent

Will it be possible for us also to get 10 copies of "The Price We Pay For Discrimination". — Done

Kay Jones

See enclosed news clipping.

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1106-19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212

July 24, 1964

MEMO

TO: Paul Anthony

FROM: Katherine Jones

WAR ON POVERTY meeting in Atlanta on August 5. I anticipate attending this meeting in SRC office. If there is additional information prior to the meeting I would like to have it. My real concern is whether one person is enough to be genuinely helpful. Do you think we should spend the money to include a Negro persons to attend the meeting? Would an additional person be received? Perhaps there are additional persons coming from Tennessee that I don't know about.

I have just called the airport, and there is no morning flight into Atlanta which will arrive in time for the meeting. Since the train is invariably late, I assume that the only thing to do is to arrive the night before.

PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS IN TENNESSEE. I have just returned from a week's trip through East Tennessee. In the larger places there seems to be general compliance with Titles II and III of the Civil Rights Act. Everywhere, movies not previously open are being used. There is some continuing reluctance to test restaurants, and less opportunity for local people to really know about motels. In Greeneville, the Brumley Hotel, a shabby run-down, owner occupied hotel is not open, and the owner frankly says he will not admit Negroes. It is such a wretched place that I cannot imagine anyone wanting to stay there. I did once, to my sorrow. Mr. Brumley is 74 years old, and a rather pathetic soul. Where there are swimming pools on public property, they are open. Two in Nashville which have previously provided only swimming classes, are now available for recreation.

The MEMPHIS report by Ben Muse is interesting and generally accurate, but Memphis isn't all that good, and some of the former and continuing conflict is neatly glossed over.

After three months of diligent effort, we have finally succeeded in getting the Navy to promise a compliance review in Hardeman County Tennessee, which will take place next week. Primary Election is August 6, and as you know, a good part of our membership is involved in the election.

I will be on vacation (July 27-31) but will return to Nashville that week-end, and will be in the office on Monday morning. Miss Ectoria Henry, our office secretary will be here in the office while I am away.

Katherine Jones

July 28, 1964

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

It's good to know you can make the August 5 meeting. No one ~~ase~~ from Tennessee is invited. We are deliberately keeping the meeting at a very small number of agency and school representatives. While here you can discuss with John Cheston drawing in other appropriate people but many more at this stage and we'll have a "conference" which we are trying to avoid. This meeting falls more into a planning and exploratory session and I think you will find it worthwhile.

Forgot earlier to mention it, but think you were right in your answer to Alice Spearman re the leadership conference.

Hope your very short vacation is a good one.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212

To: Paul Anthony:

Here are some clipping from local papers in regard to the recent election. We are still mopping up blood in the streets - or so it seems. Bass. like his predecessor, Kefauver, ran scared, and it paid off more handsomely than even his most ardent supporters anticipated. Our two Negro candidates in Nashville did not win in their bids for legislature and ~~xxxxxxx(xxxxxx)xx~~ constitutional convention. Mollie Todd was elected to constitutional convention, which is reapportionment.

Sources I trust say that the white vote will be solidy Republican in west Tennessee counties this fall - even under the threat of selling TVA. They consider that a small price to pay to get rid of "Federal control" in Washington.

Trying to get the Board meeting set up for August 19, but will not know until late this afternoon whether it will be in Memphis or Nashville.

I've confirmed via letter my discussion with John Chesterton re recruiting for the poverty program conservation camp.

Kay Jones
Katherine Jones

August 11, 1964

August 12, 1964

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Thanks for all the information.

August 18-19 continues to be held should you be able to work out the meeting.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

To: Paul Anthony

Here is the notice about the Board meeting. It is dated incorrectly as to date sent, since the board members received it today, August 12. It should, however, have gone out a week before this - but all of those elections got in the way of planning! I told Bill Willis that you would be in Nashville the day before the meeting, and he will be expecting to see you. George will be out of the state. If you will let me know your time of arrival, I will try to set up an appointment with Bill Willi, or better yet, why don't you write to hime directly - Hooker, Hooker and Willis, 214 Union Street, Nashville, Tenn. I have a meeting for the night of August 18, but can cancel it if necessary.

I am sure that you have seen Drew Pearson's articles about the Fayette County elections. He's quite right throughout.

Kay Jones

Kay Jones

August 12

August 12, 1964

TO: ALL BOARD MEMBERS
FROM: Bill Willis, President
RE: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, August 19, 1964, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Presbyterian Campus Center, 1112-19th Avenue, South
Adjacent to Tennessee Council Office.

This is the mid-year meeting of the Board of Directors to plan the fall meeting and determine other matters of concern to the Council. The Board Meeting, usually held in May, was delayed because of the imminent passage of the Civil Rights Law and the political elections.

The Council will pay your round trip fare to Nashville for the meeting, by whatever means of travel you choose, provided the total cost does not exceed air-travel. If you choose to drive, will you check over the list of board members in your area, and share your car?

It is proposed that Board Members be divided into four groups for the morning session. If there are other topics which should be included in group discussion, please add them. Will you check the group in which you would like to be included? Then return the green sheet to the office. Keep the letterhead notice for your information.

___ANNUAL MEETING-Program, speaker, place, and time.

___MEMBERSHIP-How do we increase membership? What additional printed materials would be helpful? What success have members had in visiting other communities to recruit members and organize councils?

___SPECIAL EMPHASIS-What is desired in NEWSLETTER? What should be emphasis of staff and Board for remainder of this year?

___CIVIL RIGHTS LAW-Where are the trouble spots in compliance? How can we get accurate reporting?

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____I will attend the Board Meeting on August 19. My preference for discussion group is checked above.

____I cannot attend on August 19.

_____
Signature of Board Member

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TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

1106 19th Avenue, South ● Nashville, Tennessee 37212 ● 291-7544

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director

August 20, 1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia, 30303

Dear Paul:

Let me tell you how much I appreciate your trip to Nashville this week, and your two days of work in behalf of the Tennessee Council. I do hope that we do not let this new project lapse into oblivion. My regret is that we had not done some advance preparation on this before the Board meeting, so that members could have been prepared to consider it with more thoughtful appraisal, rather than being hit without warning. If you think of any special preparation which I should make prior to the September 9 meeting, please inform me.

I do think we put too much emphasis on the public speaking part of the job. It is not that which bothers me as much as being unable to rally or lead volunteers into productive work. We are now in our third year of not really having any financial committee for the Council, since present and past presidents have not appointed them. Part of the problem does not lie solely with the president, for I know that some of their previous attempts have been unsuccessful. I also know how difficult it is to get a good person to serve as president of the local or state councils. The Nashville Council has had a very difficult time, and Mrs. Fuson finally agreed to take over this year when the nominating committee gave up after a long and concerted unsuccessful attempt.

You will recall that we mentioned Mahlon Griffith of Nashville as a possible person for the Sharecropper's Fund position. Here is a brief resume of his background. Don't return it.

Please report one specific achievement--I am firmly committed to a dark roof on a white brick house.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones

KJ?eah

Griffith Named To Committee

Mahlon Griffith, executive secretary of the Nashville Conference on Employment Opportunity has been named a member of the Tennessee Advisory Committee to the United States Civil Rights Commission.

Griffith, of 1401 South St., has worked since 1960 - without pay - at the job of placing and upgrading Negroes in this county with area businesses and industries.

Working with the NCCEO, Griffith has been an integral part of the recent hiring of Negroes in utilities, upgrading downtown workers and those in other Nashville-based industries. He has also led in filing complaints with the President's Committee on behalf of 117 Negroes against several firms.

A postal employee since 1949, Griffith is a graduate of Fisk University, member of Clark Memorial Methodist Church, a board member of South Street Community Center, the Nashville NAACP Branch and the Nashville Human Relations Council.

He is married to the former Miss Mary G. Syler of Winchester and they have four children, 2 daughters and 2 sons.

August 21, 1964

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Many thanks to you for all that may be started as a result of the board meeting. I think something substantial should come of this.

I can think of no special preparation for the September 9 meeting. Shall try to bring along a few samples of current programs, etc., but doubt that I can get them mailed ahead of time. In addition to your letter to the board you might want for the committee to expand your memo to Willis of what you see as the needs and opportunities for TCHR at this time, what areas you feel should receive priority, and any specific program ideas you what to see considered.

The local employment man for AFSC, Noise Collinson, is today trying to reach Sue Thrasher in Biloxi. They only learned today that one of the AFSC interns can be assigned to the Atlanta office. Also, Archie Allen is being interviewed today. I doubt they can reach Sue in time--all has to be completed by Sunday. If this doesn't work out, I'll certainly keep trying. Something ought either here or in Nashville.

The news of the roof is good.

See you the 9th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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August 31, 1964

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Frances Pauley did more work on the Georgia Advisory Committee meeting than anyone else. I am asking her to respond to your letter.

My only concern would be that those who attend be exposed to the private agencies and people in the state who are good resources.

See you next week.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director

August 28, 1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Paul:

The Tennessee Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights is planning a large state-wide meeting for about October 6, with the planning session set for September 11. Mrs. Martha Ragland, our board member and vice-chairman of the TAC, is heading the committee to plan the meeting which will be patterned after the successful one she attended in Atlanta several weeks ago.

She has asked our council to assist with the plans for the meeting, and this letter is to request any assistance you can give us from the experience in Georgia. I have just written to Monroe Schlactus of the ADL for assistance. See enclosed letter.

At the time of the planning session, Mrs. Ragland would like to present a draft letter of invitation, and any enclosures which should go with it, as well as proposed categories of persons to be invited.

If SRC has any guidance to give on this, we will very much appreciate it. It is probable that Martha and I will probably need to set up the entire meeting, and we could use some direction.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones

KJ/eah

Enclosure

August 28, 1964

Mr. Monroe Schlactus
Anti-Defamation League
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Schlactus:

The Tennessee Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights is planning a state-wide meeting similar to the one held in Atlanta about three weeks ago. Mrs. Martha Ragland, vice chairman of the TAC has asked our organization to assist in setting up the meeting. She attended the Atlanta meeting, and was impressed with the good organization, and the broad representation from over the state of the persons attending.

I am sure that the Anti-Defamation League had an important part in this successful undertaking. Can you share with us some of your techniques and materials? Can you supply us with copies of your letters of invitation, forms for reply, and some guidance to the procedure you used in setting up the meeting? If you were doing this again, what changes would you make? What sorts of lists did you use for invitations? What pamphlets or interpretive materials were supplied to the participants at the meeting?

The planning session is set for September 11, with the state-wide meeting tentatively scheduled for about October 6. We are trying to have a rather detailed draft of the whole procedure ready to present to the planning session when it meets.

We will appreciate any help you can give us on this. It would be good to have you at the planning session and the meeting if you can arrange it.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

KJ/eah

cc: Paul Anthony
SRC

VJ doesn't think so.

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

1106 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tenn. 37212

August 31, 1964

TO: Paul Anthony

From: Kay Jones

Re: Open Occupancy in Public Housing Projects

Does Title III of the Civil Rights Act cover occupancy in already existing Public Housing Projects? I know that the President8s Executive Order on housing takes care of open occupancy in housing projects constructed after the date of the order, November 20, 1962. Today, I talked with one of the officials of the Nashville Housing Authority which manages the 10 public housing projects in Nashville. He said that they had been given no instructions regarding open occupancy. He knew that the projects now under construction and in the planning stage would be covered. As I read the Civil Rights Act, it would seem that Title III would cover the housing projects now in being. If you do not know the answer, where do I find out?

The Special Committee is to meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9 at the Presbyterian Center next to the office. A copy of Board minutes will reach you this week. They were delayed because Bill Willis was at the Democratic Convention all last week, and I wanted him to review the draft before mimeographing.

Because of family illness, I will be out of the office until Sept. 8.

Kay Jones

September 11, 1964

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

In late reply to your letter of August 31 re Title III's coverage of occupancy in Public Housing Projects, Vernon advises that public housing is not considered a public facility and therefore not included under the facilities covered by that Title.

I wish you had been right.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

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TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1106 19th Avenue South
Nashville

September 18, 1964

To: Marge Manderson

From: Kay Jones

Do you know of any cartoon booklets which are directed at easy assimilation of the provisions of the Civil Rights Act? The Nashville Coordinating Council for Civil Rights is interested in obtaining such material for distribution among the large Negro population who do not read newspapers or materials on a more demanding level. Perhaps I should just leave it as "do not read." I know that Mental Health groups have used comic strip characters to get across mental health concepts to children and nOn-reading adults, and I think this is the kind of thing being envisioned here.

I am writing to ADL in Atlanta to see if they know os such materials.

Here is the contribution of Tennessee clergy to peace and good will.

Kay Jones

Tenn-KJ

September 21, 1964

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

No one has published a cartoon booklet on the Civil Rights Act, as far as we know. We did receive one on voting several years back, called "The Street Where You Live...And What You Can Do To Improve It!" and published by the NAACP. A letter to them might point up the need for similar material on the Civil Rights Act.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

Tenn - K. Jones

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Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director

September 30, 1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Paul:

This will confirm Will's conversation with you or Less Dunbar (which he hasn't yet made) saying that Mr. Baxton Bryant of Dallas will be in Atlanta on Monday. We expect to get him on a morning plane so he should arrive in your office about eleven o'clock. I know that this is a crowded time with you since it is on the eve of your absence from the office.

Will Campbell will probably give you all the information about Mr. Bryant. We do not yet have the usual vita which is supposed to be in the mail to us today. We have set up a meeting of the committee members and others at my home Sunday afternoon, October 4 at 2:30. If there are any last minute changes you need to forward, you might call my home, Area Code 615, AM9-5597 on Sunday afternoon after 3:30 your time. According to Will, Mr. Bryant is an ordained Methodist minister, but is now employed by an insurance company. He has worked with or for labor unions, and on labor arbitration boards, and was defeated in the Democratic primary in his race for Congress by only 170 votes. He has recently been organizing and directing the Johnson-Humphrey Headquarters in Dallas. This information is "third hand", and I cannot vouch for its exact authenticity at the moment.

We are assuming that Mr. Bryant's visit to SRC can be concluded on Monday afternoon. Following his departure, will you send us your evaluation. If there is anything special to report from the Sunday visit here, we will telephone you on Monday morning.

The information regarding funds raised during this calendar year will be mailed to you this afternoon.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

KJ/eah

Tenn - K. Jones

October 1, 1964

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Marge and Al Ulmer will be here during my absence (October 6 - 31). Both will be happy to be of any possible assistance.

I shall recommend a state council structure for the British Empire.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

Tenn - KJ

October 12, 1964
Dictated October 5

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

The SRC Annual Meeting will be held November 20-21. On November 19 a special meeting will be held concerning the state Councils. This is done at the request of the members of the Council who last year were disappointed that so little time was available for reports and discussion of state Council affairs.

This is to invite you to attend that session on the 19th. Unfortunately, we have no funds to help with travel expenses, but I hope you and your board will feel this expense justified.

Details will be forwarded later, but plan to attend if at all possible and let us know whether or not you can.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director

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October 15, 1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Paul:

Thank you for the invitation to attend the state council meeting on November 19. It does not seem possible because of two things in particular scheduled for that time. The Nashville Community Relations Council is having a big open meeting on the evening of November 19 and I have agreed to help them put this together. On November 20, the Tennessee Advisory Committee of the U. S. Civil Rights Committee is holding a meeting for business leaders, law enforcement officers, etc. from across the state. They anticipate at least 400 persons, and I am also helping with that, with the approval of our Board. Despite all the planning ahead, there will undoubtedly be a large number of things which will have to be done, or changed at the last minute, and we are the only organization with an office and staff available to the persons producing this meeting.

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I appreciate the invitation, and am pleased about the interest in state council activities.

We are holding the current NEWSLETTER for an announcement about a new date for the annual meeting originally scheduled for November 12 and 13. The complete involvement in political activity of our membership has meant that we must reschedule this for late January.

Sincerely yours,

Kay Jones
Katherine Jones

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TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1106-19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212

October 29, 1964

MEMO:

TO: Paul Anthony

FROM: Katherine Jones

Maryville, Tennessee - See enclosed notice "TO CITIZENS OF BLOUNT COUNTY". The Klan in full regalia surrounded the campus of Maryville College. Students rushed out with cameras in hand to get pictures. The Klansmen protested, trying to confiscate the film. They asked the police to take it from the students, but police refused. There was no violence, and meeting went on as scheduled.

Bolivar - The enclosed letter indicates some of the progress which has been made through the assistance of Mr. John Heneghan, Federal compliance officer. He has visited our office twice recently, and has been genuinely helpful. I do not know about other persons in similar positions, but I certainly recommend that other Councils call on him for help where there is documented discrimination in Federal contract companies. Through his efforts some of the deadlocks in East Tennessee have been broken.

Baxton Bryant - telephoned this morning from Dallas. He is interested in our progress because he has had a good offer for his house, and I think he genuinely wants this job. I told him where we were.

Politics is the only subject of interest in Tennessee at this time. Needless to say, I have not talked with Bill Willis, our president for several weeks. I do not know what he is doing about the invitation to the SRC meeting on November 20. The Civil Rights Advisory Committee meeting for Tennessee is scheduled for the same date, and plans are shaping up. Invitations will not go in the mail until the day following the election. (This does not affect Bill Willis but we are working on this.)

This is just to keep you posted on the fact that we are still around and looking forward to hearing about continental living and England's Labor government. Welcome home.

Kay Jones

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

1404 18th Avenue South • Nashville, Tennessee 37212 • 291-5244

[illegible]

October [illegible], 1966

[illegible]

Mr. Plant in Bolivar, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Monaghan:

[illegible] information obtained by telephone call [illegible] Mrs. Brenda Miller and Mr. Ark Emery in Bolivar. They [illegible] suggested that I transmit the information to you.

[illegible] Jeans Apparel Company has employed about 40 [illegible] in a third shift. Mr. Stringer, the [illegible] representative, said the Negroemployees did [illegible] and encouraged.

[illegible] in Bolivar and has a Negro supervisor and [illegible] Negro employees. The personnel action is cooperative.

[illegible] Company, which was formerly Bolivar Hosiery, now [illegible] Mr. Fleming, the former manager is [illegible] only 4 Negroes, all of whom are [illegible] Memphis TV station, which located [illegible] announcement was made of this [illegible] with the NAACP meetings. This was part [illegible] in Bolivar where various civic and [illegible] by a Memphis TV personality, [illegible] Negroes have been [illegible] Mr. Fleming, the personnel manager, [illegible] in the [illegible] plant.

[illegible] be possible for you to continue this informal contact, [illegible] with data on the issue, and any additional information [illegible] help us in our promotion of equal employment [illegible]. We would appreciate any suggestions you may have for [illegible] I expect to be in Bolivar about November 10 and could discuss this further with citizens or visit the plant.

We are genuinely grateful to you for your assistance in the Bolivar situation. It has given Bolivar citizens their first real hope of economic improvement. You will be hearing from us in regard to some of the other Tennessee industries.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

KJ/mb

cc: Mrs. Jennie Miller, Bolivar
Mr. [illegible], Somerville

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TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1106-19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212

October 27, 1964

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

William Willis
Lewis Sinclair
John Compton
Vasco Smith, Jr.
Mrs. Ernest Silver
Dr. G. J. Tarleton
Mrs. Fred Muhleman
Mrs. Eugene Kilgore
Mrs. Ray Allen

FROM: Special Commission on Staff - Will D. Campbell, Chairman

At the time the Commission was created, it was instructed to report to the Executive Committee on its recommendations. We are therefore complying with those instructions as affirmed in the minutes of the Board meeting of August 19, 1964. Our report is as follows:

On October 4, Mr. Baxton Bryant of Dallas, Texas was in Nashville at our invitation, to meet with the Special Commission. During his one day visit here, he talked with Lewis Sinclair, Adele Schweid, George Barrett, William Willis, Kay Jones, and your chairman. Dr. Vivian Henderson of Fisk University was also a participant in this interview. We asked Mr. Bryant to send us information about himself, including additional copies of this campaign literature, which he had used in his 1964 unsuccessful race for Congress.

The day following his visit to Nashville, he was in Atlanta to meet the staff of the Southern Regional Council. The following quote is from Mr. Anthony's subsequent letter to Will Campbell:

> We like the man. We think he has a remarkable record of accomplishment, and has experiences which ought to be very valuable to the Tennessee Council. His knowledge of organization, his experience with working with top leadership, and his obvious ability to get things done, impress us. Frankly, I never thought a few weeks ago we would be able to find a person with many of these qualities.

There does seem to be a problem about salary, but I don't think it is serious. His request for $10,000 a year, in light of his family situations, certainly is not excessive. (Three state Councils now pay their directors more than this amount.) Frankly, if our opinion of this man is at all correct, I think his work will more than make up the $2,000 difference between the figure budgeted and the figure needed.

The Commission found Mr. Bryant an outgoing, friendly person who met new people easily and with assurance. He described his persistent interest in social causes, and his personal investment in them. Through his relationship with Sam Rayburn he had been encouraged to run for Congress in Texas. He was frank in stating that he had not worked as a professional in the area of human relations, but his wide experience in a voluntary capacity with civic groups, including membership campaigns, fund raising, and member of speakers bureau, would all be appropriate preparation for the kinds of activity which the Council sees within its role. He has demonstrated ability to work with varying age groups in church related activities as well as through other community groups. Mr. Bryant is a member of the North Texas Conference of the Methodist Church, and would be able to return to the ministry at any time, and has abiding concern and appreciation for the church. He is now an agent for an insurance firm which he finds a lucrative occupation, but not one which holds his interest.

From my conversations with all of the persons who talked with Mr. Bryant when he was here, and from the meeting of the partial membership in Nashville, there was a consensus that Mr. Bryant was a good prospect for the position of director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations. We recognize that the salary of $10,000 which Mr. Bryant requests would pose an obligation on the Council. (NOTE: estimate of expenses and income on page 3 of the Special Commission on Staff minutes of October 1, 1964. Copies of these minutes and other material are included for Executive Committee members who have not received them previously as members of the Special Commission.)

Also enclosed is a statement prepared by the Council staff of the financial and membership status of the Council as of October 1, 1964. The Council will need to more than double its income within Tennessee during the coming year if we are to employ Mr. Bryant. Kay Jones informs me that the final grant from the Field Foundation ($7,500) was received this month for use in 1965. While finance is a matter for the Executive Committee to consider seriously, we believe that Mr. Bryant would be valuable in helping the Council to raise part of this income.

Will you please let me know your reaction to the Special Commission's report favoring the offering of the position of director to Mr. Bryant, beginning January 1, 1965? The Special Commission has completed its duties until it hears further from you. You may use the enclosed card, or write to me at the Committee of Southern Churchmen, 1106-19th Avenue, South, Nashville 37212. Please be frank, and I hope, prompt.

Will D. Campbell

AIR MAIL SPECIAL
November 2, 1964

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1108 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Can you let me know just as quickly as possible whether the following people are members of the Tennessee Council:

Mr. Frank Smith - Knoxville
Mr. Jesse Turner - Memphis.

They are being considered for membership in SRC, and we need to know about state Council affiliation for this reason.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

November 9, 1964

Mr. Baxton Bryant
Route 1, Box 562
Cedar Hill, Texas

Dear Mr. Bryant:

Pursuant to the authority granted me by the Executive Committee, the Tennessee Council on Human Relations offers you the position of Executive Director at an annual salary of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) beginning either on December 1, 1964 or January 1, 1965, depending on negotiations with Southern Regional Council.

As you are aware, the duties of Executive Director are far-reaching and encompass such matters as encouragement of membership and raising of funds. You are further aware of the present financial condition of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations and therefore realize why this tender of a contract must be temporarily limited to a period of one year. The members and staff of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations feel extremely fortunate in having a man of your caliber demonstrate a genuine interest in this position. We are looking forward to your acceptance of this position and future of cooperation and meaningful action.

Yours truly,

William R. Willis, Jr.
President

WRW/eah

TO: Paul Anthony

The attached letter is a result of a conference telephone call this afternoon with members of the Executive Committee of the Council. The Nashville members and I met here at the office, and then were cut in with the other members across the state.

Bill Willis dictated this letter which I am leaving for Miss Henry to type tomorrow and read again to Bill for his approval, and then send to Mr. Bryant. Will Campbell is going to telephone him tonight.

I am writing this now since I am leaving early Monday morning for a trip to the Western part of the state. I will not be back until the coming week-end.

The visit of Gertrude Noar of ADL will be on November 16, and on November 20 is the state-wide Civil Rights meeting under the sponsorship of the Tenn. Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission.

I am not quite clear about the business of SRC and Mr. Bryant, or how we will handle this. I gather that Will Campbell has talked to you about this. Let me know what the proposal is when you have time.

Sunday afternoon
November 8, 1964

Ken Jones

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TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

TO: Paul Anthony

I have not seen Will Campbell today, but have talked with two of the Commission members who talked to Baxton Bryant: George Barrett and Adele Schweid.

George Barrett was enthusiastic. Wants to hire Mr. Bryant but pay him $10,000 per year. Thinks we can get the money. I think so too, if members are willing to work for it, but I find this an uneasy assumption, since George has not paid his 1964 dues, despite 5 notices.

Adele Schweid liked Mr. Bryant, and thought that he was knowledgable in the areas we need him to be seasoned. She had real question as to why he would be willing and interested at his age and with his responsibilities to move self and family into an entirely new situation. He owns home in Dallas county.

I couldn't resist sending you this clipping from our Oct. 4 paper; don't let those British cast any aspersions on our situation. A visitor from South Africa was in today - a colored - who says it is not as bad as we read. The two American places he knew lots about were Birmingham and Little Rock!

Best luck to you. It should be a fascinating trip and discussion.

Kay Jones

Annual meeting called off for Nov. 12 + 13. There is no available hotel accommodation.

See? Here we go again!

Oct 1 -

Prepare County Drive

—Staff photo by Bobby Johnson

Six of eight members of the women's division of the Davidson County Democratic campaign organization meet with county campaign Chairman William R. Willis Jr. They are, seated, Mrs. Guynell Sanders and Miss Martha Farr. Standing, from letf, are Miss Helen Corbitt, Mrs. Harold W. Bradley, Mrs. May Corenswet and Mrs. Curlie McGruder. Members not present were Mrs. John J. Hooker Jr. and Mrs. Eva Lowery Bowman.

Oct 4

Freedman: Unique Problem

British Face Racial Issue

By MAX FREEDMAN

LONDON — Judged by American standards, there should be no color problem in England at all. The colored people form a small fraction of the population, not much more than about one in fifty. There is a total absence of legal discrimination against colored people. Quite the reverse.

For centuries the British people have had a proud, perhaps unique, record of tolerance and civilized behavior. Yet even in Britain the influx of colored settlers has raised grave and embarrassing problems. This fact is worth some analysis, especially by those who loathe racial prejudice and injustice.

In Britain a colored person is anyone who is not white. This definition places in the colored category not only the Negro but the Hindu and the Pakistani, the Arab and the West Indian. Just over 750,000 colored people have come to Britain from various countries in the commonwealth.

Question of Relationship

Many of them have brought their wives and dependents, though in some cases there is reason to question this relationship. The woman who is brought over as a wife, at a reduced cost in transportation, may in fact be no more than a concubine, to be cast off and abandoned at the first convenient moment. The rest of the immigrants come from various lands but principally from Africa.

On the streets of London the presence of these colored people is far more common and more conspicuous than at any time in the past. The same is true, in a less vivid degree, in other cities. Most of these people are well dressed and appear to be well behaved. They certainly are less eccentric in dress and less bizarre in appearance than some of the white youngsters who draw attention to themselves on the city streets.

But the colored people tend to congregate together, and being members of a conspicuous and vulnerable minority, they are subject to harsh reprisals and acts of discrimination that cannot easily find their remedy in a court of law.

Full Employment

In England there is virtually full employment. Most English authorities are agreed that competition for jobs does not explain the emergency of this colored problem. White and colored work together in many factories without any economic grievance.

The root of the problem is social rather than economic. There is resentment at seeing a white person going to a dinner or a dance with a colored person, even though the conduct of both people may be above criticism. Sometimes of course they misbehave and then the springs of prejudice flow with venom. One would almost imagine that there had never been an illegitimate child — horrible phrase — in Britain until the appearance of these colored immigrants.

George Orwell pointed out that the belief in the sexual potency and attractiveness of the Negro has always been very strong with a certain section of the British people. There can be no doubt that this sexual fear and suspicion greatly complicates the whole problem.

Focus of Prejudice

In its most usual form, the racial prejudice comes to a focus in questions of housing. Quite often this opposition expresses itself in resistance to having a colored person in an apartment house. There can be no question here of the colored person trying to break property values by buying a house where he is not wanted. Many of these complaints have been made in public housing, in apartments built by the local council in cooperation with the government. That is indeed the most distressing feature of this wretched business.

The leaders of all three parties have rebuked any appeal to racial prejudice and have refused to profit from it. Yet a sinister, though totally unauthorized, campaign is being conducted with the slogan "Vote Labor For A Negro Neighbor." The currency given this slogan has outraged the Labor Party but it has been unable to stop this wicked appeal to prejudice.

In the last Parliament it was agreed, reluctantly and with many misgivings, to end the unrestricted entry to Britain by immigrants from the commonwealth countries. The Labor Party wants an agreed quota on colored immigration to be established in consultation with the commonwealth governments. Few people believe that any party has really grappled with this problem.

When he was in London a few days ago, Dr. Martin Luther King said he hesitated to offer advice to the British people when their racial problems are so different from the situation in America. But he warned Britain that it underestimates its racial problems at its own peril. There the matter now rests, with the probability that the problem will become much worse before it begins to get any better.

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TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

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Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director

December 1, 1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Paul:

Baxton Bryant telephoned me from Dallas on November 30, and said that he and his family would arrive in Nashville on Wednesday night if their travel plans were carried through. They are leaving part of their furniture in Dallas until they decide on permanent living arrangements after their arrival here.

Will Campbell mentioned the cost of moving. This had not been discussed at the time of Mr. Bryant's visit here, or in any of the Board deliberations here. Therefore it is not authorized by our Board. The original budget did not authorize the employment of the new director until January, and did not provide for the increased salary which the Board offered. These changes are reasonable, but I am genuinely concerned about our committing ourselves beyond our forseeable income.

The real purpose of this letter is in regard to an interpretation of the Civil Rights Act. One of the things we have been working on, especially for the rural counties is getting Negroes employed as welfare workers, and in the local departments of health, state hospitals, etc. This is of genuine concern to the Negro residents of rural areas. There has been real success at Western State Hospital in Bolivar, Tennessee, partly because the State Commissioner of Mental Health is genuinely committed to equal employment. My interview with the Commissioner of Welfare was not so successful. He is much more fearful of such an undertaking in West Tennessee. County Health departments are solely administered by county officials although they do receive earmarked state and federal funds.

My questions relate to the Civil Rights Act, Title VI, section 604 and Title VII section 701(c). Do these titles exclude the State of Tennessee from coverage of its own employees? A

"Civil Rights Digest", published by the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights (August, 1964) says in regard to Title VII: "Not covered by this title are (1) public employers, (2) educational institutions with regard to employees working in educational activities .....etc."

As far as I know, Health Education and Welfare is still saying that the Hill-Burton Hospitals are only covered as far as new contracts are concerned, and that the only recourse to desegregation in completed structures is by individual court action. Once the regulations provided for under these two titles are issued, some of these matters will be clear, but five (5) months after passage of the Act, none have been issued.

Sincerely yours,

Kay Jones

Katherine Jones

KJ/eah

December 2, 1964

Miss Kay Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

In regard to your inquiry (and my information is more sketchy than yours), I agree with your conclusions. It does seem that the state is not covered under Title VI and HEW has been very slow and uncertain in moving into the Hill-Burton area.

One small suggestion. Why not share these two observations and problems with Lou Mitchell of the Civil Rights Commission. Lou is not the person responsible with such matters but he will see to it that they get to the right places promptly. I would send a similar letter to John Griffin, Community Relations Service, U. S. Department of Commerce. Both agencies, through these men, will, I think, give you more service than you've had in the past.

As to Baxton's coming and timing, I leave that, of course, to you and the board. I do hope we can work out something to have him down here for a week or so sometime soon. We did it with the Alabama man, and will shortly do so with the new Mississippi man -- if we get him -- and I think it's a good practice.

With moving expenses, this is a standard item which all the Councils have honored, to my knowledge. I do wish it had been thought of for Board action and it can still be held for that procedure, but I think this cost should be borne by TCHR. Actually, the cost is for more modest than I had feared it would be. (Alabama and Florida each spent nearly $1,000 on this item.) Certainly I too am aware of your financial problems and the danger of over-extending yourselves, but I think this is an unavoidable item. Further, let Baxton worry about the reality of money raising. One of the blessings of your new situation is having removed the curse of money raising. You made this clear to the board and I trust the board firmly included this in their job description with Baxton.

You are free to enjoy the Lord's work! Enjoy it, and do all the worthwhile things you haven't had time for ttil now.

Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Dear Paul:

The quarterly report will be in the mail on Monday. It doesn't say much, and I believe reveals about what has happened.

Will Campbell is in the hospital - Vanderbilt University Hospital - possibly awaiting surgery. Tentative diagnosis is diviticulitis. It seems that they aren't sure. He entered hospital on December 3.

Baxton Bryant must be lost in transit. When he telephoned me, he said he expected to get in here on Wednesday night, and now it is 5 p.m. on Friday, and we haven't heard anything from him and his family. He was bringing them along. I am genuinely looking forward to his being on the job, hoping that he can be more effective with our own officers and Board. I can't get any responsible performance from them. George is chairman of the Nominating Committee

and I have talked to him since October. He has not called his members, or corresponded with them. We have no upcoming president. I've made suggestions, but don't know what else I can do.

Thanks for your letter. As soon as Mr. Bryant is found, we will see about working on this. I have no information about when he is going to start with us. In fact, we have never had a letter of acceptance of the job, but he did come to Nashville before Thanksgiving and talked with Bill Willis.

I'll let you know any news about Will Campbell.

Hastily

Ray Jones

December 4, 64

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Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director

December 8, 1964

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Paul:

Baxton Bryant and his family arrived Friday night, and are now housed in a satisfactory furnished apartment, and the girls are in school. Today, Baxton is keeping an appointment I made at the University of the South in Sewanee.

We have tentatively arranged for Baxton to come to the SRC office in Atlanta on Tuesday, December 14 for the remainder of the week. We need to know from you if this is satisfactory. I believe that he would plan to arrive there Tuesday morning.

Bill Willis is leaving today for Washington and will not return until Thursday evening. I am anxious that Bill take the lead in introducing Baxton to Nashville leaders. Baxton suggested that he stay here on Monday in order to try to facilitate this. I would be delighted to do this, but I think it is more important that the TCHR president make these introductions.

I am sending this by letter in order that you can work out plans you think best. Then I believe it will be wise to telephone this office or directly to Mr. Bryant here at the office. His home telephone is in the process of being changed to his name, and the number will also be changed.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones

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TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1106-19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212

December 14, 1964

MEMO TO

Paul Anthony

FROM

Kay Jones

Will Campbell had surgery on December 11 at Vanderbilt Hospital, and this was a three hour operation for ulcerated colon. The report is that about one-third of the colon was removed. It was a three hour operation, and he remained in the recovery room that night. He is said to be getting along satisfactorily at present. Some of Brenda's relatives from Louisiana are here, and they are taking turns at the hospital. First reports were that there was no evidence of malignancy.

Baxton Bryant has just come back from the hospital, and reports that Will is making satisfactory progress. He has been on his feet this morning. Is having some trouble with gas pains, but within normal limits. Is expecting to leave hospital before Christmas.

Sincerely yours,

Kay Jones (eah)
Kay Jones

KJ/eah

December 18, 1964

Miss Kay Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Many thanks for the report on Will. I checked with Brenda several times last week but had heard nothing since the operation. It's good news that Brenda has relatives with her.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

Tennessee Council on Human Relations

1106 19th Avenue South, Nashville

January 8, 1965

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MEMO TO: Paul Anthony

QUARTERLY REPORT was sent to you December 1. Since we have not received the SRC payment for January, we wonder if you have received it. The report had a financial statement attached. I talked with the CPA who does our annual audit, and he has agreed to make the 1964 audit in early February 1965. Although our books are balanced, we cannot spare them for any length of time until after the Annual Meeting on January 28 and 29. Is the delay in receiving the quarterly grant from SRC due to some omission on our part?

I intended getting this memo, of which I am keeping no copy, to you before Baxton's visit to Atlanta. I am more than a little embarrassed in regard to his official reception here. Bill Willis has not seen him since he arrived more than a month ago. There have been telephone conversations, and Willis has made several appointments with him, but has broken all of them. He has met very few of our members and has had no opportunity to get really started on the job. I would be glad to do the introducing around, but feel that he should be "launced" by President Willis, and others who have greater access to the community which we hope that he can cultivate. George has also made appointments which he has cancelled.

Mrs. Schweid is having a reception for him on the evening of January 20, and I hope that some of the leaders will come to that. I am still concerned with this waste of time and money, to say nothing of the lack of welcome he must feel.

Our NEWSLETTER went out early this week without, again, the list of proposed officers, board members and nominating committee. Our by-laws call for this reaching the members 30 days before the annual meeting. George

Barrett is the chairman, and it is really quite a good committee. As far as I know, it has never met, or been called together. In December, I sent him a list of persons who might be asked to serve on the Board to fill vacancies and some names for possible officers along with a communication from one of our members. No response. I am reluctant to continue to nag about this, but wonder what we do if we come up to the Annual meeting with no slate. Any ideas? I have talked with George about this since October, but with no apparent results.

Well, we survived Governor Wallace's visit. His crowd was poor - less than 400 people including townspeople in addition to the school board members who came. They announced before hand that from 600 to 1000 were expected. Will Campbell and I heard part of the speech. It was a general denunciation of the United Nations, the State Department, Supreme Court, New York Times, Nashville Tennessean, and the general "interference" of the Federal Government. It was more a John Birch kind of speech than pure racist, but it was that also. There were about 50 pickets in front, perhaps 1/3 white. Most of them were adults, and included some of the best known Negro leaders including Vivian Henderson who was wearing his LBJ hat and announced "I'm here representing LBJ."

I want to add my invitation to the one I am sure which Baxton extended to SRC to come to our annual meeting. The program is generally in fair shape, and we are trying to catch the emergencies before they develop. The last minute stuff last year was appalling, and I hope never to go through that again. But we probably will.

Ken Jones

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1106-19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212

January 20, 1965

MEMO TO: Paul Anthony

RE: Meeting with National Sharecroppers Fund
Atlanta, Georgia, January 30 & 31, 1965

In December, we had an invitation from Fay Bennett to the Atlanta meeting. We inquired whether she wanted both Mr. Bryant and/or me. We have just received a reply saying that there is a question about the Sharecroppers Fund being able to provide transportation, and asking if we can cover our own expenses.

We would like to ask for some guidance from you about this. I am uneasy about the Tennessee Council's funds, and want to be sure that we use them wisely. Would you recommend some representation from the Council, if it must be paid from our funds. It would seem to me that it would be better for Mr. Bryant to attend this meeting than for me to do so. He says it is immaterial with him who goes.

Baxton is on his way to Chattanooga to attend their Council meeting tonight. He was in Memphis last week, and is encouraged about the situation there. We are in the usual state about the Annual Meeting, since replies are dilatory in coming in from propram people. Will you also let us know who is coming from Southern Regional Council and what place you would like on the program. I am also concerned because we do not yet have a slate of officers and board members, and George Barrett who is chairman of this committee has gone to the inauguration. We also do ont have a finance committee to draw up the budget. Someway, I am sure we will get through it all, but just now I don't see how.

Katy Jones
Katherine Jones

KJ/eah

January 20, 1965

Miss Kay Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1108 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Thanks for the quarterly report. Our check for the first payment of our 1965 commitment came to you under separate cover; I trust you have received it by now.

I look forward to seeing you next week at your annual meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

January 22, 1965

Miss Kay Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

I have serious question as to the justification of you paying for two people to come to Fay Bennett's meeting — and some doubt about the value of even one person coming. If we are ever successful in raising funds for the rural work program I hope TCHR will be one of the Councils to participate but so far we are having no success. This is not a main subject for the meeting, of course, but rather they hope to evaluate and plan Sharecropper Fund programs and one of their main Southern efforts has been the man working in Fayette County. So should someone come from Tennessee I think it should be you since you have worked in that area and are familiar with it.

It certainly is discouraging that your "leaders" continue their old way of doing business. I plan to be at the TCHR Annual Meeting. Don't see any reason to be on the program at all. I would just like an opportunity to observe what's going on.

Should you plan to come to Fay's meeting perhaps we could travel back together Friday afternoon.

Look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1106-19th Avenue, South
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March 30, 1965

MEMO:

TO: Paul Anthony

FROM: Katherine Jones

Can you send us the following materials formerly in our possession, but now exhausted:

Letter from the Birminghan Jail, Martin Luther King. We have had recent requests for this, stimulated by the recent events in Alabama, I suppose. We have only 1 copy left. If we could have 10 to 20 copies, perhaps this would get us through.

Sent

What the Supreme Court Really Said. This was an SRC publication of some years ago, and we had several copies until January, 1965 when the last one was given away. I am, therefore recalling the exact title from memory and may not have it exact. A number of persons have asked about copies of the two Supreme Court decisions of May, 1954 and May, 1955. Now that this is "history", people want to know exactly what these decisions said. If you still have this pamphlet, will you send us about 20 copies.

I know that our Quarterly report is overdue. Baxton has been travelling around the state, and has not "landed" long enough to write it.

KJ/eah

Katherine Jones

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April 2, 1965

Miss Kay Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Marge is working on your request and will send along what we have.

I hope your vacation was a good one and that for a month you were able to forget the business.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

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May 10, 1965

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MISS KATHERINE JONES
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Paul:

We are herewith sending you a copy of the 1964 Audit and Balance Sheet, returned from the Auditors. We regret the delay in submitting this to you.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Jones (eah)
Katherine Jones
Associate Director

KJ/eah

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TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

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To Paul Anthony

From: Kay Jones

Your papers may have carried this story. Ben Hooks was about the only Negro in a leadership position in Tennessee who supported ~~xxxx xxxxx~~ Frank Clement for Senator in the race last summer which Ross Bass won, due to the Negro endorsement, through the Voters League. The Governor is paying off, plus laying the groundwork for his next race - possibly against Ross Bass, who won the unexpired term of Senator Kefauver. I believe he has to run again in 1966.

Happy Lee was here last night for the Nashville Community Relations dinner, and was a delighful speaker - corn and all! We are having real trouble with the Poverty Program leadership people in Nashville. There is no actual involvement of the poor, and none planned. After all, the Chamber of Commerce representatives who are the Committee know what's good for people, and can't imagine why we question them. The Banner carried no story on his visit, and the Tennessean was its usual helpful self by announcing the meeting on the wrong night! John Seigenthaler, the Tennessean editor, has gone off to Saigon. His image of bravery from getting knocked down in Alabama during the Freedome Rides is wearing off, and he needs additional evidence of bravery.

Our next Board of Directors meeting is set for May 29. Don't know whether Baxton has notified you.

May 14, 1965

Kay

A N N U A L M E E T I N G

NASHVILLE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

PLACE: Christ Episcopal Church - 900 Broad

TIME: Social 6:30 p.m. - Dinner 7:00 p.m.

"A COMMUNITY-ITS PEOPLE AND POVERTY"

SPEAKER: HESLIP LEE, Salisbury, North Carolina

How do citizens get genuinely involved in the Poverty Program? Is it as good as its proponents say, or is it just a Federal spending spree? Is it possible actually to involve the people of poverty in its planning and execution? How can citizens really participate?

Heslip Lee, better known as "Happy" Lee, is the director of the Salisbury-Rowan Community Council which was organized to find answers to these questions. Happy is deep in experiments to determine valid answers. An excellent speaker, creative and bold, he offers us a rare opportunity for a fresh look at an old problem.

OTHER BUSINESS

Election of Officers and new members of the Board of Directors. See Report of Nominating Committee, attached.

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING * WELCOME ALL

RESERVATIONS

Deadline - May 7, 1965

Please telephone the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, 297-6568

or

Mail the attached form. DO NOT SEND MONEY OR CHECK

NASHVILLE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL
1106-19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212

Please make_____reservations for the Annual Dinner Meeting,

May 13, 1965 at 7 p.m. COST $2.50 (includes tax and tip)

_____
NAME

May 18, 1965

Miss Kay Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
1106 - 19th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Thanks for the information, clipping and all. Happy called me on his way through and reported it as a good meeting.

Tentatively, I am committed to be in Charlottesville for a meeting of the Virginia Council Board on the 29th. But I would like an opportunity to get up there sometime before long.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

LWD
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3610 Brighton Road
Nashville, Tenn. 37205
August 4, 1965

Dear Paul Anthony:

By the grapevine I have learned that you are to assume the robes of office, ermine cape scepter, orb, etc. My congratulations and honest to goodness best wishes. While I am melancholy at the impending departure of Les Dunbar, I have every confidence in your ability to fill his sizable shoes.

I have finished with Head Start for the summer, and am planning to work for the Head Start program here in the fall. Baxton knows this, but I have not submitted a formal resignation, since Martha Ragland has not returned from Israel where she has been touring as the guest of some of the Jewish groups. The other reason is that I have just discovered that I am in need of surgery, and I want to be on the employed list at that time because of insurance, etc.

I think that Baxton is doing a bang-up job in that rough and tough West Tennessee area. It is rough in the white community, because they know that they are cornered, and they cannot face it. It is equally rough in the Negro community where the civil rights workers are trying to split the young people off from the adult leadership - and just at a time when it looked as if some white leadership was emerging to work with responsible Negroes. I hope that Baxton has been reporting to you about this, but I know that he has been out of town a great deal because of the West Tennessee demonstrations.

I am concerned about the finances of the Council. We are not in an immediate crisis, but will be within another two months unless there is a change. We just can't fall to pieces at this time when so much is dependent on the kind of communication which Baxton is able to establish.

I'm sure that you know of my abiding interest in the Council, and that my departure is predicated on what I honestly believe is best for the Council. Do let me know when you are in town, sometime. It has been a wonderful nearly 5 years I have been with the Council, but I could not have survived this long - and neither could the Council - if it had not been for SRC's steadying hand.

Sincerely yours,
Kay
Kay Jones

Here is the clipping about Les' address at the Fisk Institute. Sorry I forgot to date it, but it was in early July, 1965.

August 5, 1965

Miss Kay Jones
3610 Brighton Road
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Thank you for your good letter. It would have been much more appreciated had there not been such disturbing news in it.

What is the needed surgery and the schedule?

The news of your leaving the Council is bad. The leave-of-absence may have been good, especially for the finances, and now for insurance purposes, as well as your own interests and security. And for the immediate future this may continue to be good for the same reasons. But it seems to me a continued leave of absence seems better for everyone than a resignation. (I send a copy of this to Martha so that she too will know my feelings.)

I too am worried about the immediate financial future of TCHR.

Whatever your future employment, I hope you take great satisfaction out of knowing there is a Tennessee Council, because Kay Jones made it so. And as a part of your "calm, balanced judgement" I trust you know you are still very much needed. Don't do anything drastic.

Warmest best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm
cc: Martha Ragland

Tenn. -- General

3610 Brighton Road
Nashville, Tenn. 37205

August 22, 1965

Dear Paul:

I'm in such a habit of clipping the newspaper that I can't seem to quit. Hence the enclosed.

About myself - I'm in fine shape, now. On an annual check-up (which I get around to about every two years) it was discovered that I had grown a new big ovarian tumor. Two days later I was in the hospital, and a week after that I was home. I'm out and about but steps are forbidden and car driving is limited for the present. All laboratory tests were negative. My plans for the fall must await my complete recovery.

I know how busy things must be for you, but I do hope you can come to the Board meeting, or if not that to some especially arranged meeting soon. I know that Martha Rayland is frustrated and upset, and she is by far the most responsible Council President we've had in some years.

Boston is doing a wonderful job in West Tennessee and getting into areas which no one else has been able to do. However, with the Annual Meeting tentatively set for November, a great deal of work needs to be done. I'm uneasy about Board and general membership unless they are actually brought into Council activities. There's already some friction, and it could be devastating. Between us, it doesn't make it easier that Mrs. Rogford doesn't like men, and Boston doesn't like women!

Roy Jones

Tenn - Kay Jones

August 24, 1865

Miss Kay Jones
3610 Brighton Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

Dear Kay:

Thanks for the good letter, especially the news that you are doing well.

I shall make every effort to attend the meeting on September 11, for I too am concerned and your accurate observations do nothing to reduce that concern.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Director of Field Activities

PA:mm

November 8, 1965

Miss Kay Jones
3610 Brighton Road
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Thanks for the clips.

Our Annual Meeting begins next Sunday and we will miss you. I hope you will have an opportunity to visit us sometime.

In the meantime, thanks for keeping us in touch.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA:mm

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TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1106-19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212

MEMO:

TO: Marge Manderson

RE: SRC Special Report - Memphis

Done

When I last talked to Paul Anthony by telephone, he offered to send five (5) to ten (10) copies of Mr. Ben Muse's report on Memphis. Since these copies have not been received I wonder if he may have forgotten to do so in the rush of getting away. If they are not in the mail will you send them to us?

Kay Jones

Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Ave.
Nashville 12, Tennessee

To: Paul Anthony
From: Katherine Jones Kay Jones

From this point, it looks as if Wednesday, September 4, is a good date for your visit. I've only been able to catch George on the wing, but his response then was that this would be O. K. If I find that he will not be available, I'll telephone you. The State Labor Council meets that week-end in Gatlinburg and there is a hot race going on for presidency, and George is personally and othereise concerned about the outcome. I know that he will go to the convention, and I expect he will go early in order to canvas for votes for his candidate.

George went to see the Governor this morning about appointing the State Committee or Governor's Committee on Human Relations, and also supporting a state wide meeting, cut down from the regional one earlier envisioned. Don't know the outcome. We still haven't submitted our list which we promised to have in his hands by Mayl.

I am truly shocked and saddened by the death of Harry Jones. I knew his wife had a long illness last winter, but didn't know that he was in trouble.

Here's the new address for K.M. Smith. No one knows the Daugherty family. I called some of the oldtimers, but they don't recognize.

MM KJ
file Tenn.

Membership Campaign for Tennessee

Present: 700 Goal: 1,500

Method: Mail campaign to present members asking each to get one new member.

100 Goal Result: 100 new members.

Organization of new local Councils.

50 Goal: 2 new Councils of 25 each — 2 volunteers

150 Special mail campaign to appropriate mailing lists.

Goal: 5,000 mailings, 150 members. — volunteers

Special membership meetings with outside speakers.

100 2 special meetings, 50 new members each. — chairman & volunteers for each

Special coffee hours.

50 10 coffee hours, each get 5 members.

Out of state campaign.

25 Goal: 25,(with one volunteer chairman).

25 Other.

Personal campaign from volunteers, especially Board.
(Personal solicitations and letters from individual members.)

200-----40 persons each pledge to get 5 new members.

100-----10 persons each pledge to get 10 new members.

Mail Campaign to Present Members (Very rough draft)

Dear Member:

For some time we have been concerned about the relatively small number of persons who are members of the Tennessee Council. At the present time we have about 700 members and we know that many, many times that number of people agree with and would be happy to join us. But, getting around to asking them has been something we put off because of the presseure of programs and our real purpose for existing.

New members are needed badly, because:

1. We need the modest but valuable financial support memberships give us;

2. We need the added outreach of other persons of good will;

3. We need the strength of numbers to prove that we are not a small minority "cause" with which few agree.

For these reasons the board of TCHR has designated June as Membership Campaign Month. OUr goal is 800 new members by the end of June. If we are to succeed we need your help. Enclosed are several sheets on which we ask you to please do several specific things to help in the campaign. This will take very little time or effort. Yet, if every member cooperates our campaign will be a success.

Please try to respond to these requests by June 15. We must know by then how our campaign is progressing. A stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

I know I can count on you for all possible help.

Sincerely,

Membership Chairman

(Enclosure, mail campaign to present members)

We ask each member to get ~~one~~ ONE new member. All of us know persons who agree with the objectives of TCHR who have not joined--probably because they haven't been asked! A TCHR brochure is enclosed and more are available. Naturally we'll be very pleased if you get more than one new member.

(Membership information.)

Name and address of new member:

1. _____

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2. _____

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~~Name and address of present~~
Name and address of present TCHR member who enlisted above member(s):

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(Enclosure, mail campaign to present members)

If you know of persons elsewhere in the state who would be interested in joining, list their names and addresses below. We will send them an invitation.

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3. _____
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4. _____
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( ) Check here if TCHR may say you suggested the above persons be invited to join.

(Name) _____
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(Enclosure, mail campaign to present members)

If you know of persons outside the state--especially natives of Tennessee--who would be interested in joining please list them below. We will send them an invitation.

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2. _____
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4. _____
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( ) Check here if TCHR may say you suggested the above persons be invited to join.

_____
(Name)
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Things to be done:

1. Prepare letters and other materials for mailing to present members. To be sent about May 20.
2. Secure as much volunteer clerical help as possible for May 20-June 20.
3. Staff prepare list of names and addresses of:
   a) old members who have not renewed;
   b) other persons who should be members;
   (Where possible these will be given to volunteers who will personally approach people listed.)
   c) out of state prospects to be invited.
4. By personal contact, begin to get commitments from as many volunteers as possible to help solicit members.
5. Prepare letter for prospective members and begin compiling mailing lists.
6. Select two or more areas with strong Councils asking them to begin planning for June membership meeting with outside speakers. Get ideas for persons wanted as speakers so we can begin arranging for this.
   Also: begin getting volunteers in these locals to give special support.
   Plan for staff members to be in these communities several days before the affair.
7. Begin getting volunteers to hold coffee hours.
8. Ask each local Council to hold a membership affair during June.